



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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AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER

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

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EVENTS AUG 2026

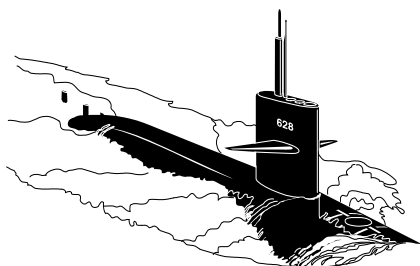
Aug 4 – US Coast Guard B-Day (1790)
Aug 4 – Vietnam conflict Began (1964)
Aug 7 – Purple Heart Day
Aug 14 – National Navajo Code Talkers
Day
Aug 14 – VJ Day (Japanese Surrender
(1945)
Aug 20 – Branch Meeting
Aug 23 – 27 HLR Convention
In Springfield, MO
Aug 29 – USMC Reserves Founded
(1916)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 24 - Branch Meeting
Oct 22 - Branch Meeting
Nov 19 - Branch Meeting
Dec – No Meeting

NEXT MEETING:

**3rd Thursday AUG 20, 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, Aug 20, 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. The reason the meeting was changed to the third Thursday, is the convention covers the 4th Thursday.

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: Donald Weiss, Charles Ewy, Don Brunk, Bernie Daum, Frank Parker, Jim Grier, Joe Newton, James Blanton, Belinda Brown, Nolan Moody, Virginia Swayne, Robert Turner, Jim Gallion, Teri Jeske, and Norma Wright. 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, JUNE 25, 2026, and approve as they were published verbatim in the JULY 2026 Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Teri Jeske and passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM

- S/M Norma Wright stated that the total cost of the Essay contest for 2025-2026 was \$1400.00. The Trophy Shop in Arora is no longer in business.

HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk reported:

- That Vicky Brunk was in the hospital and that Carol Daum fell and fractured her spine.

MEMBERSHIP:

- JUNE REPORT – 1 New members, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 0 Deletions, 0 Suspensions, 117 Total active members, 4 Members past due, 113 Members in good standing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Jim Gallion Reported:

- He spoke to the City Clerk to try and get Springfield Mayor to come to the opening ceremony of the convention.

VETERANS SERVICE – S/M Teri Jeske Reported:

- We serviced one Veteran Family.

YOUTH – S/M: Joe Newton Reported:

- The Sea Cadets are not drilling this month. They recruited 2 new Sea Cadets, had 7 advanced, had 3 attend boot camp, 1 went to scuba training and August drill will be at Camp Crowder. Sea Cadets will be the Convention Color Guard August 25.

COMMUNICATIONS - S/M Charles Ewy reported:

- Received notification that we had 3 Disaster Relief requests approved: Br 032, Br 251, and Br 316.
- NED Memo 27-26 (Reverse suspension of Br 307 NBR 40-25).
- NED Memo 28-26 (Withdrawal of Jones Nominating Resolution for NVP NEDM 1-26).
- NED Memo 29-26 (Discontinuation of FRA App).
- NPSL 6-26 (2026 National Convention Call).
- NED Memo 30-26 (Director of Membership Development Transition).
- NPSL 7-26 (AP Essay Sponsorship for 2027).
- Director of Membership Development: (First Qtr. 2026-2027 Membership Report).
- National Convention Newsletter #4.
- NED Memo 31-26 (Branch Nominating Resolution NVP (Gabriel Falu)
- NPSL 8-26 (National Convention Appeal for Donations to FRA Funds).
- NPSL 9-26 (Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee for the FRA Five-Year Strategic Plan).

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:

- We will have a meeting at University Plaza on July 30th at 10:00. We would like all volunteers to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

- S/M Secretary made a motion the Ozark Empire Branch 316 donate \$100.00 to the Disaster Relief fund, seconded by S/M Teri Jeske and motion passed.
- The items in storage in Ava was discussed and it was decided to revisit after the convention.
- S/M Secretary mentioned Branch 316 received a \$25.00 gift card to use toward the Wine and Cheese welcome aboard party at the convention.
- A motion was made to pay the dues of S/M Jennifer Bailey if she was still deployed overseas. Seconded by S/M Belinda Brown and passed.

- S/M Secretary made a motion to move our August meeting to Aug 20, 2026. Seconded by S/M Jim Grier and passed.
- S/M Teri made a motion to donate \$100.00 to Willard Am Vets. Seconded by S/M Nolan Moody and passed.
- Motion by S/M Virginia Swayne to pay for the meals for the musicians at the convention. Seconded by S/M Nolan Moody and passed

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- S/M Jim Grier informed the assembly that he is getting married on August 22, 2026 at saint Agnes. Dress is causal.
- S/M Nolan Moody mentioned that all volunteers should attend the meeting at the University Plaza at 1000 on the 30th of July.
- S/M Nolan Moody thanked all those that attended the funeral.
- S/M Virginia Swayne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by S/M Nolan Moody and passed.
- All hand were reminded to stick around to fill convention bags.

Chaplain did the closing Prayer and closed the Bible.

Meeting Adjourned 1930

Next meeting will be AUGUST 20, 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:

TRANSFER-IN: None

MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES: None

MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE: Sabrina Bonnette, Robert Gunnett and Steven Young.

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

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2026: Stanley Ahern, Rhonda Gaines, John Goulbourne, Graig Grigson, Christopher Henson, Christopher Hill, Clarissa Jones, Otis Marshall, Madelyn Morris, Lowell Sanders, Shawn Straub, and Rodney Weaver.

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: Tom Newsom and Jessy Portis.

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).

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

Robert Adams	62 Yrs.	Jennifer Bailey	02 Yrs.	Belinda Brown	15 Yrs.
Patricia Cooper	18 Yrs.	Robert Duff	02 Yrs.	Nyto Griffen	02 Yrs.
Raymond Larson	39 Yrs.	John Loe	02 Yrs.	Nathalie Metzner	02 Yrs.
Jonathan Vaughan	02 Yrs.	Dennie Whittaker	27 Yrs.	Gary Wind	01 Yr.

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

Stanley Ahern	44 Yrs.	James Blanton	81 Yrs.	Richard Bowen	60 Yrs.
Patrick Bryan	74 Yrs.	Richard Feyerabend	74 Yrs.	Robert Gunnett	75 Yrs.
Billy Harris	93 Yrs.	James Jenkins	87 Yrs.	Arnold Moldenhauer	87 Yrs.

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

Charles B. Ewy

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