



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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SEPTEMBER 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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BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

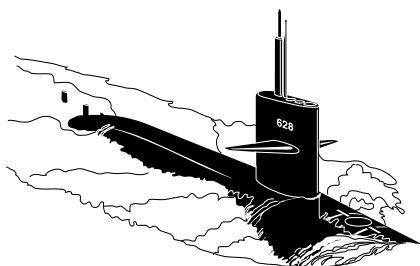
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EVENTS SEP 2026

Sep 2 – VJ Day – Japan signs Surrender
1945
Sep 7 – Labor Day
Sep 11 – United We Stand / Patriot Day
Sep 13 – Grandparent's Day
Sep 17 – Citizenship Day
Sep 18 – US Air Force B-Day (1947)
Nat POW/MIA Remembrance Day
Sep 22 – First Day of Autumn
Sep 24 - Branch Meeting
Sep 27 – Gold Star Mother's and family
Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



NEXT MEETING:
4th Thursday SEP 24, 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, SEPTEMBER 24, 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 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, Belinda Brown, Frank Parker, Joe Newton, Teri Jeske, Donald Weiss, Virginia Swayne, Maddy Morris, Richard Seifert, Norma Wright, Robert Turner, and Nolan Moody. 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, JULY 23, 2026, and approve as they were published verbatim in the AUGUST 2026 Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Teri Jeske and passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM

- S/M Norma Wright stated Nothing so far has been done. S/M Secretary stated the copies are done except for the Letter.

HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk reported:

- That S/M Bernie Daum has some kind of blood disorder and won't be available for the Convention.

MEMBERSHIP:

- JULY 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 got Council man Abram McGull to come to the convention to deliver the Springfield Proclamation at the Opening Ceremony of the Convention.

VETERANS SERVICE – S/M Teri Jeske Reported:

- We serviced four people this month..

YOUTH – S/M: Joe Newton Reported:

- Tabith Mittag gave a report on the Sea Cadets activity. They now have 18 Sea Cadets.

COMMUNICATIONS - S/M Charles Ewy reported:

- NED Memo (Suspension of Branch 091 is rescinded).
- NPSL 10-26 (MBR change to 5-year Strategic Planning Committee membership)
- Qtr. Balance Sheet 3/31/26
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- Qtr. Balance Sheet 6/30/26
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- NED Memo 34-26 (Expenditure of funds for Albin)
- NED Memo 35-26 (Expenditure of funds for Parker)
- NED Memo 36-26 (Expenditure of funds for Butts)
- NED Memo 37-26 (Expenditure of funds for Jones)
- NPSL 11-26 (New FRA VSO Trainers)

TREASURERS REPORT –

- S/M Frank Parker gave the report. All bills paid. S/M Nolan Moody made a motion to accept the Treasurers report. Seconded by S/M Belinda Brown and passed.

UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- S/M Belinda Brown made a motion That Branch 316 donate \$1,500.00 to the Sea Cadets. S/M Don Brunk seconded and motion passed.
- S/M Belinda Brown made a motion that Branch 316 donate \$1000.00 to a veteran in need, seconded by S/M Jim Gallion and motion passed.
- S/M Secretary read over all the Resolutions to be considered at the National Convention in Las Vegas. S/M Secretary will send a copy to S/M President and our two Proxies.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- S/M President read an article that he thought would be great for Branch 316 to look into. It was driving for Meals-on-Wheels.

Chaplain did the closing Prayer and closed the Bible.

Meeting Adjourned 1930

Next meeting will be SEPTEMBER 24, 2026 at 1800

NEW / REINSTATED MEMBERS:

TRANSFER-IN: None

MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES: None

MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE: Robert Gunnett.

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF AUGUST 31, 2026: Jennifer Bailey, 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 Hill, Clarissa Jones, Otis Marshall, Lowell Sanders, Shawn Straub, and Rodney Weaver.

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF October 31, 2026: Richard Seiferd
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: Sabrina Bonnette and Steve Young.

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).

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

Stanley Ahern	01 Yr.	Richard Baehr	13 Yrs.	Tony DeLong	29 Yrs.
Dale Duke	37 Yrs.	Johnny Feazell	38 Yrs.	Rhonda Gaines	01 Yr.
John Goulbourne	01 Yr.	Brandon Graff	02 Yrs.	Jimmie Grier	38 Yrs.
Thomas Griffith	02 Yrs.	Craig Grigson III	01 Yr.	Christopher Henson	01 Yr.
Joseph Hessler Jr.	26 Yrs.	Christopher Hill	01 Yr.	Teri Jeske	05 Yrs.
Clorissa Jones	01 Yr.	Otis Marshall	01 Yr.	Madelyn Morris	01 Yr.
Lowell Sanders	01 Yr.	Dennis Shanklin	38 Yrs.	Shawn Straub	01 Yr.
Marvin Tulla	02 Yrs.	Rodney Weaver	01 Yr.		

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

Belinda Brown	68 Yrs.	Jackie Fielder	83 Yrs.	Rhonda Gaines	56 Yrs.
Craig Grigson	40 Yrs.	Teri Jeske	68 Yrs.	Wayne Snelson	77 Yrs.
Shawn Straub	38 Yrs.	John Waggoner	69 Yrs.		

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

Charles B. Ewy

Here is the new HeartLand LOGO
Thanks to Shipmate Past National
Chaplain Robert Behm Branch 032.



Greater Ozarks Sea Cadet Activities

May 2026 Activities:

May had cadets undergoing swim quals, a team building game in the pool and color guard training. Shipmates Newton and Turner visited and awarded a tshirt to a cadet for correctly answering a knowledge question. We had a new adult member (Army Reservist) and 2 new cadets sign on this month.

June 2026 Activities:

June cadets took to the skies at the Neosho Airport with EAS Flight Training. We had 2 potential League Cadets visiting. Then they enjoyed a day at Roaring River State Park and Beebe's Roaring River Waterslide.

July 2026 Activities:

July was summer training for cadets. We had 5 cadets attending training in Little Rock. 1 attended advanced scuba, 2 attended Recruit Training (boot camp), and 2 attended Navy League Orientation (boot camp for our younger League Cadets). We also had 1 cadet attending training in Lexington, Kentucky for Navy League Orientation.

August 2026 Activities:

August has proven to be no less busy with these cadets. For our drill weekend we partnered with Newton County Cemetery Preservation group and learned how to clean headstones at Greenwood Cemetery in Diamond, MO. Once we learned how to correctly care for marble and bronze headstones, cadets were split into groups and were able to restore 28 veteran headstones. Cadets also learned how to apply face paint for upcoming night ops and more color guard training. Our yearly scuba day was also this month. Cadets went for a ruck as a group then split into groups to rotate through stations. Stations included scuba, land navigation, color guard and dress uniform sizing. We also have 1 cadet attending an advanced training for field operations in Baltimore, Maryland.

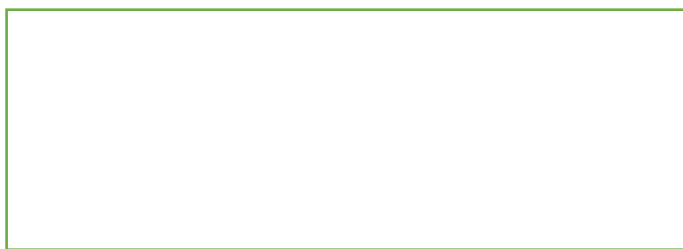




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