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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OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

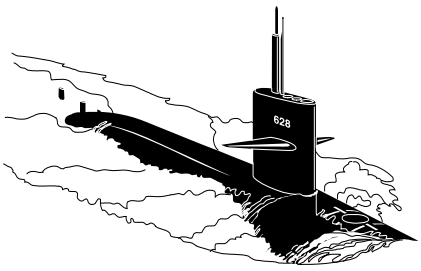
IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR DEATH OF ANY SHIPMATE
PLEASE NOTIFY THE BRANCH CHAPLAIN OR
SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

BRANCH OFFICERS

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

JrPP:	**Tom Newsom**	**3215 W. Wick St., Springfield, MO 65810**	**(417)569-9871**
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NEXT MEETING:
4th Thursday OCT 22, 2026
(1700) Meal
(1800) Branch Meeting
American Legion Post 639
2660 S Scenic Ave.
Springfield, MO. 65807

EVENTS OCT 2026

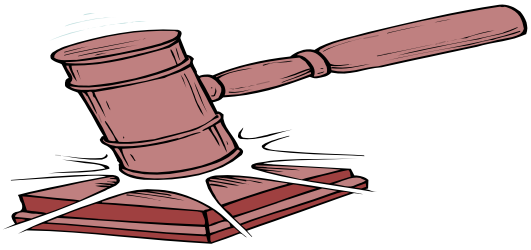
Oct 12 – Columbus Day
Oct 13 – U.S. Navy B-Day (1775)
Oct 18 – Sweetest Day
Oct 22 - Branch Meeting
Oct 24 – United Nations Day
Oct 31 - Halloween

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 19 - Branch Meeting
Dec – No Meeting
Jan 28 – Branch Meeting
Feb 25 – Branch Meeting
Mar 25 – Branch Meeting
Apr 22 – Branch Meeting
May 27 – Branch Meeting



“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, OCTOBER 22, 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, Jim Gallion, Don Brunk, Frank Parker, Teri Jeske, Nolan Moody, Donald Weiss, Belinda Brown, Jim Grier, Robert Turner, Maddie Goodman, Joe Newton, James Blanton, Virginia Swayne, Norma Wright, Billie Jo Christy, and Johnny Christy. 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 SEPTEMBER 2026 Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Virginia Swayne and passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:
AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM

- **S/M Norma Wright stated all information has been sent out to the Schools.**

HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk reported:

- **That S/M's Dennie Whittaker and Myril Stewart reported to the Staff of the Supreme Commander.**

MEMBERSHIP:

- **August REPORT – 0 New members, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 0 Deletions, 2 Suspensions, 113 Total active members, 1 Members past due, 112 Members in good standing.**

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Jim Gallion Reported:

- **He presented the Proclamation from the Mayor's Office to the Branch that Councilman Abram McGull had presented to the Branch at the 2026 Regional Convention.**

VETERANS SERVICE – S/M Teri Jeske Reported:

- **No Report.**

YOUTH – S/M: Joe Newton Reported:

- **The reason the Tabitha Mittag is not present at the meeting, her father passed away.**
- **The Sea Cadets did an outstanding job of presenting the Colors at the USS Mason's ships reunion at the Oasis.**

COMMUNICATIONS - S/M Charles Ewy reported:

- **NED Memo 38-26 (Additional Resolution to be considered at the National Convention – FRA Today will be published bi-monthly in digital format and posted to the FRA web site.**
- **NED Memo 39-26 (Proposed budget for the 2027 National Convention**
- **National Convention Updates.**
- **NED Memo 40-26 (Resignation of Regional President HL David Herndon)**
- **National Convention Schedule of Events.**
- **S/M Secretary read the # 1 Newsletter from RPHL Gene Jarnagin and canvased the members present as to the Logos for the Heartland Region. Results were (A and C)**

TREASURERS REPORT –

- **S/M Frank Parker gave the report. All bills paid. S/M Chuck Ewy made a motion to accept the Treasurers report. Seconded by S/M Don Brunk and passed.**

UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:

- **S/M Chuck Ewy Convention Secretary/Treasurer closed the Convention Account and transferred $3,078.36 to the Branch Account. All bills have been paid.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **S/M Secretary mention the Veterans Day parades both Willard and Springfield will be held on November 7th. Willard will be at 11 a.m., line up at 0930. Springfield will be at 2 p.m., line up by 1 p.m. Volunteers – Robert Turner, Virginia Swayne, Don Brunk, Chuck Ewy, Maddie Goodman, and Frank Parker.**
- **S/M Secretary received a check from treasurer in the amount of $50.00 and gave it to Norma Wright to send to Nicole Talbot for the deaths of S/M's Stewart and Whittaker.**
- **S/M Belinda Brown made a motion to give S/M President 25 Branch coins to disperse to new members etc. Motion seconded by S/M Nolan Moody and passed.**
- **S/M Belinda Brown made a motion to give the bracelets to Mid-West Child Burn Camp. Motion seconded by S/M Nolan Moody and passed.**
- **S/M Belinda Brown made a motion that Branch 316 purchase 10 tickets for the Mid-West Child Burn Camp at $20.00 per ticket. Seconded by S/M Nolan Moody and passed.**

- **S/M Belinda Brown made a motion to buy the Treasurer a new printer. Seconded by S/M Don Brunk and passed.**

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- **S/M Teri Jeske was presented a continuous membership certificate for 5 years.**
- **S/M Maddie Morris was congratulated on becoming Maddie Goodman.**

Chaplain did the closing Prayer and closed the Bible.
Meeting Adjourned 1927
Next meeting will be OCTOBER 22, 2026 at 1800

NEW / REINSTATED MEMBERS: Billie Jo Christy and Johnny D. Christy
TRANSFER-IN: None
MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES: Belinda Brown, Robert Callahan, Tony Delong, Madelyn Goodall
MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE: 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.
MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2026: Charles Andrews, Michael Batz, Patrick Buzzard, Joe Hopkins, Benjamin Jantz, Abram McGull, Pamela Warner-Dawes and Don 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: Robert Gunnett.
THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE REPORTED TO THE "STAFF OF THE SURPREME COMMANDER": Dennie Whittaker and Myril Stewart.
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).

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

Anthony Bentley	**03 Yrs.**	**James Blanton**	**25 Yrs.**	**Robert Callahan**	**48 Yrs.**
Craig Chapman	**32 Yrs.**	**Richard Feyerabend**	**05 Yrs**	**Melvin Johnson**	**03 Yrs.**
Frank Parker	**34 Yrs.**	**Richard Seifred**	**03 Yrs.**	**Dennis Strantz**	**02 Yrs.**
Shirley Strantz	**02 Yrs.**	**Norma Wright**	**24 Yrs.**		

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

James Ervin	**80 Yrs.**	**Joe Hopkins**	**70 Yrs.**	**Nolan Moody**	**79 Yrs.**
Daniel Schillinger	**67 Yrs.**	**Billy Tettenhorst**	**61 Yrs.**		

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

Charles B. Ewy



Gene Jarnagin being Sworn in as RPHL



Councilman Abram McGull Presenting
S/M Nolan Moody the Proclamation,
Proclaiming August 25, 2026
Fleet Reserve Association Day
At our 2026 HeartLand Regional Convention
In Springfield, MO





Sea Cadets doing Physical Training



Please share that our banquet will be on Saturday, November 14th at 1300 at Camp Crowder building 751. We would love to have some FRA members join us.
Lunch will be provided.

We plan to recognize each of our cadets for their achievements and growth this year.
We will be planning to have a drawing for prizes for cadets. Cadets will receive an entry for each ribbon and rank increase that they earned this year.



Sea Cadet Color Guard for HartLand 2026 Regional Convention, Springfield, MO



Part of the PT training



Branson Wings of Pride Airshow was a huge success. While the heat sent several cadets to First Aid (and I had to remain as their adult) the drink stand went well and was fully cadet run.



Part of the PT training



One of the planes at the Branson air show



Sea Cadet Color Guard at the USS Frank D. Mason (DD-852) Reunion
At Springfield, Mo. Ozark Empire Branch 316 did a "Two Bell Ceremony" for
Those Mason Shipmates that Reported to the Staff of the Supreme Commander in 2025-2026 (58 S/M)

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The Theodore Roosevelt and Nimitz Carrier Strike Groups steam in formation on scheduled deployments to the 7th Fleet area of operations. (U.S. Navy/Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Elliot Schaudt)