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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NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

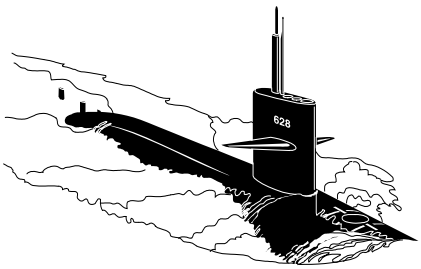
IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR DEATH OF ANY SHIPMATE
PLEASE NOTIFY THE BRANCH CHAPLAIN OR
SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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NEXT MEETING:
3rd Wednesday NOV 18, 2026
(1700) Thanksgiving Meal
(1800) Branch Meeting
American Legion Post 639
2660 S Scenic Ave.
Springfield, MO. 65807

EVENTS NOV 2026

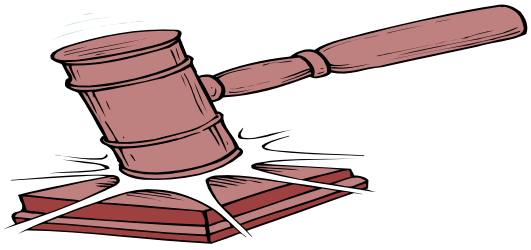
Nov 1 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 3 – Election Day
Nov – U.S. Marine Corps B-Day (1775)
Nov 11 – FRA's B-Day (1924)
Nov 11 – Veterans' Day
Nov 18 – Branch Meeting
Nov 26 – Thanksgiving Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Wednesday, NOVEMBER 18, 2026, and will commence at 1800. We will meet at American Legion Post 639, 2660 S. Scenic, Springfield, MO, 65807. Our meal is "Thanksgiving Pot Luck". Don Brunk – Turkey and Gravy; Chuck Ewy – Pumpkin Pie and Whip Cream; James Blanton – Green Beans; Tabitha Mittag – Mashed Potatoes; Joe Newton – Chili; Virginia Swayne – Corn Casserole and Orange Jell-O; Frank Parker – Biscuits.

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, Don Brunk, Frank Parker, Teri Jeske, Joe Newton, Virginia Swayne, Belinda Brown, James Blanton, and Tabitha Mittag. 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, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026, and approve as they were published verbatim in the OCTOBER 2026 Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Teri Jeske and passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM:

- **No Report**

HOSPITAL:

- **No Report**

MEMBERSHIP:

- **August REPORT – 2 New members, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 2 Deletions, 1 Suspensions, 112 Total active members, 4 Members past due, 108 Members in good standing.**

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

- **No Report**

VETERANS SERVICE:

- **No Report**

YOUTH:

- **Honorary Member, CO of the Sea Cadets, Tabitha Mittag reported the following: 19 Cadets are currently registered; Nov. 7 is Willard Veterans Day Parade & Color Guard; Nov. 13-15 is 2 night overnight. Nov. 14 is Banquet to recognize Cadets, Families, and Sponsors. Dec. 19 is "Wreaths Across America" at Springfield Veterans Cemetery. Funding Utilized – FRA Branch 316 donated $1,500.00. Covered Van Rental, Fuel and Lodging for 2 days in Branson for the Air Show. Funding Request – "Will be covered under New Business".**
- **S/M Joe Newton added that at the last meeting a prior Sea Cadet, who is now on Active Duty on board a Submarine, spoke to the Sea Cadets.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **S/M Secretary made available to all Shipmates the 98th National Convention Delegate Kit.**

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 Belinda Brown talked about the leftover items from the 2026 HLR Conv. It was decided that we will give away to anyone that wants the leftover items. What Branch members do not want, we'll offer it to other HLR Branches at no cost, just the cost of shipping.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **S/M Secretary briefed Shipmates on the results of the Resolutions covered at the Nat Conv.**
- **S/M Secretary went over C&BL's for Branch 316. Removed all mention of NCR and changed to HLR; S/M Sec. made a motion to Delete Article 17 (Widows Subscriptions to FRA Today) due to it going digital in 2027); S/M Belinda Brown Seconded and motion passed; S/M Sec. made a motion to Delete SR-15, (Fund for Veterans in need), That account has been terminated. Motion seconded by S/M Teri Jeske and motion passed.**
- **S/M Secretary reminded all S/M's of the November 7 Veterans Day Parade in Willard at 1000 and the Springfield Veterans Day Parade at 1400.**
- **S/M Secretary mentioned that we will have to change our November Meeting and made a motion to move it to November 18. Motion seconded by S/M Frank Parker, motion passed.**
- **S/M Sec. made a motion that Branch pay rent for a week to Victory Mission, in the amount of, $140.00. Motion seconded by S/M Don Brunk and motion passed.**
- **S/M Belinda Brown made a motion that Branch 316 donate $500.00 to American Legion Aux Post 639 for their Coats, Hats, Gloves, and Food Pantry. Motion seconded by S/M Don Brunk and passed.**

- **S/M Belinda Brown made a motion that Branch 316 donate $300.00 to the Elks Toys for Tots. Motion seconded by S/M Teri Jeske and motion passed.**
- **S/M Belinda Brown made a motion that Branch 316 donate $300.00 to the AL Post 639 Toys for Tots. Motion seconded by S/M Teri Jeske and motion passed.**
- **S/M Joe Newton made a motion to donate $1,000.00 to the Sea Cadets for their Banquet on November 14. Motion seconded by S/M Teri Jeske and motion passed.**

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- **None.**

S/M Teri Jeske made a motion to adjourn, seconded by S/M Belinda Brown and passed.

Chaplain did the closing Prayer and closed the Bible.
Meeting Adjourned 1915
Next meeting will be NOVEMBER 18, 2026 at 1800

NEW / REINSTATED MEMBERS: None
TRANSFER-IN: None
MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES: None
MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE: Jennifer Bailey, Nyto Griffen, Jonathan Vaughan, Gary Wind, 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.
MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2026: Robert Duff, Joe Newton, and Kenneth Spink.
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 TERMINATED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES: None
THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE REPORTED TO THE "STAFF OF THE SURPREME COMMANDER: None
SHIPMATES IN GOOD STANDING, WITH 50 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP NO LONGER HAVE TO PAY DUES: S/M Don Brunk and S/M Charles Cline.

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).

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

Charles Anderson	**01 Yr.**	**Don Brunk**	**50 Yrs.**	**Patrick Buzzard**	**24 Yrs.**
Charles Cline	**50 Yrs.**	**Joe Hopkins**	**05 Yrs.**	**Benjamin Jantz**	**01 Yr.**
Edward Jones	**45 Yrs.**	**Pamela Warner-Dawes**	**38 Yrs.**	**Don Weiss**	**05 Yrs.**

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

Patrick Buzzard	**66 Yrs.**	**John Goulbourne**	**58 Yrs.**	**Dennis Strantz**	**78 Yrs.**
Wallace Watson	**79 Yrs.**				

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

Charles B. Ewy

THANKSGIVING DINNER

1700 November 18

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Come Join Us for Thanksgiving Fellowship





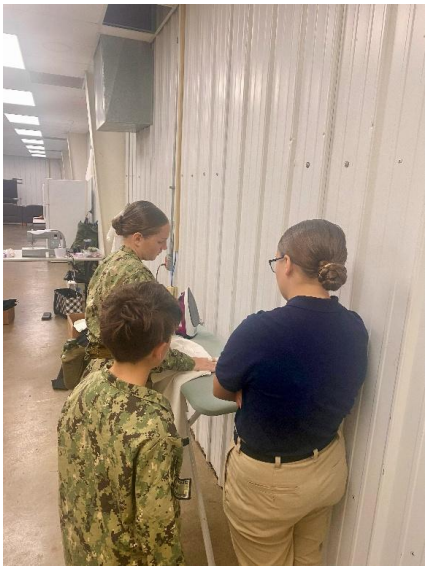
















Color Guard and Volunteer for Unity on Division event.
We had a 3 cadet color guard team and a new cadet stepping in to fill a slot due to a cancellation. We are so proud of this group for stepping up.
Cadets then manned the kid activity area and participated in the games as well.

October drill
Our PT coach was back for 3 more days. Cadets are enjoying him. We hope this will encourage cadets to continue working hard on their PT at home and put in that consistent effort in between drills.
Cadets participated in the Maple Leaf Parade in Carthage, MO. We had a color guard and cadets marching for the approximate 2 mile parade route.
Cadets had lunch out and then night ops (their favorite).

Upcoming
14NOV26 1300 banquet to recognize cadets, families and sponsors. Please join us at Camp Crowder building 748.
19DEC26 Wreaths Across America at Springfield Veterans Cem





Seabees repairing water infrastructure in Ramadi Iraq in 2007

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