



# FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

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## ★ YOUR UNDIVIDED ATTENTION ★

Starting 3 May, meetings will move to DAV Chapter 2 home, a brand new facility on the south side of US 40 Highway located between Noland and Phelps Roads; look for fresh sod in front of the building. Meeting will start by 1930. Auxiliary members will bring the usual side dishes with soft drinks provided by the Branch; main course prepared by the DAV.



### ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ *IN MEMORIAM* ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Our national symbol and Branch 161 are saddened because the following Shipmates recently joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander



JAMES W. NEBGEN, FA, USN, RET  
 J. W. HOLLOWAY, SKC, USN, RET  
 EDWARD F. PATTERSON, SK1, USN, RET



### APRIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

S/M President QUINTERO initiated S/Ms Kevin JAMISON and Les WILLIAMS into the FRA and MO-KAN Branch 161.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Americanism-Essay:

First, second, and third place trophies and checks have been forwarded to PRPNC John PARTIN to deliver to participants at St. Agnes School.

#### Americanism-Patriotism:

The next National Holiday observance will be Memorial Day, 29 May. The Branch will conduct the Two Bell Ceremony at Swan Lake.

#### Membership:

Branch membership stands at 472 members with 465 in-good-standing.

#### Finance & Audit:

Annual Branch audit will occur between the May and June meetings.

#### Legislative Service:

Next MAVO meeting will be 12 April.

No report for Kansas.

#### Youth Activities:

The following are recognized by MO-KAN Branch 161 for their continuous years of FRA membership during the month of April:

BENTZ, David	27	BEUSSINK, Ted	06	BOLEY, Carl	35	BRANHAM, Wallace	31
★BUNCH, David	54	BURGER, Larry	32	CALIMLIM, Bernabe	03	CARNEY, John	18
CASTEEL, Rodney	21	COMBS, Michael	09	DRAINER, John	35	EIFERT, Alfred	26
FELLOWS, Hurley	41	FLIPPIN, Kevin	26	GRAHAM, Darryl	23	GUY, Doug	02
HALL, Burl	23	HAWKS, Larry	21	HEFFEL, Edward	38	KATZENBERGER, Al	21
KELLEY, William	43	KELSEY, Edward	17	KRUMP, Michael	16	KUHN, Thomas	23
LACY, Ronald	21	MAXWELL, James	16	MABERRY, Jesse	31	MCARTOR, Frank	41
MCELROY, Drew	03	PIPPIN, Jack	38	PRINCE, Wallace	21	RECTOR, Carol	48
SAMPSEL, John	27	SANDERS, Robert	02	SCHREIBER, Henry	42	SINGER, Jerry	02
SKEENS, Donald	20	SMITH, Donald	42	TAYLOR, James	28	TEGMEYER, Darrell	36
THOMPSON, Ronald	21	TRUSTY, Carl	31	★VARGO, Walter	50	ZEIGLER, James	02

Your continued membership keeps the FRA at the table on Capitol Hill instead of a menu item.  
We could not do it without you!

The annual regional inspection of the Sea Cadets have been completed.

#### Public Relations:

No report.

#### Hospital & Welfare:

Reports received that S/Ms James NEBGEN and Edward PATTERSON have joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander.

**MOTION:** To donate \$25 to the NCR Essay Fund in each of their memories; *seconded; passed.*

#### VA Hospital:

S/Ms QUINTERO, LICKTEIG, and Norm COMBS, with the help of Debbie Palmer, worked BINGO 23 March at the Leavenworth VA Nursing Home; next BINGO will be 27 April.

#### Communications:

S/M Secretary read correspondence concerning VAVS volunteers from Branch 161; no action required.

#### Treasurers Report:

S/M GAGE said the Branch had \$3,340.95 in the checking account and on bills to be paid.

**MOTION:** To pay all bills; *seconded; passed.*

#### Unfinished Business:

None of any consequence.

#### New Business:

S/M WILLIAMS mentioned an invalid veteran living in Lafayette County needing a wheel chair ramp.

**MOTION:** To conduct a tarpaulin muster to help with costs; *seconded; passed.* \$240 was collected.

#### Good-of-the-Order:

New members, Kevin JAMISON and Les WILLIAMS, addressed the membership.

### STATUS REPORT

#### Members 30 days past due:

BUDISELICH, GUY S.  
HARLOW, FRANK L.  
STILWELL, KYLE

#### Members 60 days past due:

MCDONALD, HARRY  
SCHWERMER, DOUG  
SCHWERMER, TAMMY  
ZEIMET, RICHARD E.

#### Members 90 days past due:

DODD, EUGENE G.  
GILMORE, WASHINGTON  
NELSON, CHARLES L.  
YUDT, GERALD

**REMINDER:** Dues renewals sometime come with extraneous information from NHQ and are easily overlooked; also, reports from National run a month late.

#### New members:

HUBBARD, NINA  
MM2, USN, RET

#### Transfer out:

GORE, ROBERT

Membership now stands at 472.



### UNIT NEWS

By Ernestene Combs

The Mid-year Conference was held and we had nine Auxiliary members attend. In the workshop, different ideas and the resolutions were discussed. Please be sure that your ID card is kept up-to-date in DEERS and let any Unit officer aware of any address change or other changes in your status.

Again, if you have any volunteer work to report, please let us know so it can be added to the Unit report.

Take note of the change in our meeting place; it is listed at the top of this newsletter. If you have any questions, contact a Unit officer.

For those of you having birthdays in April, we wish you a very *Happy Birthday* and hope your day was enjoyable.

To those having an illness, get well

soon. Those who have lost loved ones, our prayers and sympathies go out to you.

Please notify the Secretary of any change of address or phone number. If you have any questions, please notify an officer listed in the heading of this newsletter.

Past Due 30/60/90 Days:  
(cover report not received)

Dropped for non-payment:  
None

Transfers-out:  
None

If your dues have been paid please disregard.

New Members/Transfers-in:  
None

To be renewed:  
Beverly J. Dempsey  
Donna C. Lickteig  
Karen D. Salas  
Linda J. Schonhorst  
John B. Schonhorst, Jr  
Faye A. Shepherd

S-544 has been approved by both the House and Senate which will cut red tape in allowing veterans who live 40 or more miles from a VA facility, or who have trouble getting an appointment, to use *Veterans Choice*. A \$10 billion fund to pay for non-VA care for veterans has been established.

**Tiny houses for homeless veterans (aka Veterans Village)** located at 89th & Troost, Kansas City, Missouri was featured in Branch 161's March newsletter; the Branch challenged the membership to raise \$5,000 toward utilities. At that time Veterans Community Project needed \$400,000 to hook up 50 houses. So far the Branch has received the following donations:

Retherford, P.	\$ 20
Anonymous	100
Johnson, K.	100
Foley, J.	100
Fox, A.	500
Anonymous	3,000

**Only \$1,180 to go.**

### COMING EVENTS

Wed. 3 May 2017. Reg. Br. and Unit meeting. Election of 2017-18 Branch & Unit officers.

The enclosed donation is for Branch 161's commitment to raising \$5,000 for the TINY HOMES for VETERANS sewer project.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please keep me anonymous

Clip and mail this along with your donation to the address on back

Make check payable to FRA Br 161

Mon. 29 May 2017. Two Bell Ceremony at Swan Lake Veterans Cemetery.

Wed. 7 June 2017. Reg. Br. and Unit meeting. Installation of 2017-18 Branch & Unit officers.

THE NEW DAV CHAPTER TWO HOME IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF US HIGHWAY 40 HALF WAY BETWEEN LOGAN AND EMERY AVENUES. THE BUILDING IS SET BACK A HALF BLOCK FROM US 40. THERE ARE THREE FLAG POLES IN FRONT. THE SOD IS FRESH AND GREEN. IF YOU MISS IT, YOU ARE **TOTALLY BLIND.**

### The Bosn's Pipe

**VA Choice Bill Approved and Sent to President**



Inside a "tiny house". (L-R): P. Wentworth, N. Combs, E. Combs, D. Fri, B. Meyer, K. Jamison, J. Lickteig, R. Schilly, T. Quintero.

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



**FRA Membership Application**

Membership is open to all current or former enlisted members of the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard. My signature below certifies that I fulfill the eligibility requirements and want To join the FRA. Annual dues includes a subscription to *FRA Today* magazine.

RECRUITED BY: (Optional Information)  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Member No: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch No: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt/Lot City State Zip  
Dates of Service: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ SSN (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Service: USN; USMC; USCG; Status: Active; Reserve; Retired; Veteran Membership Pref: Branch No. 161

**SPECIAL OFFER for NEW MEMBERS \$64 for two years**

Previous FRA Member:  No  Yes If yes; previous Member No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouses Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dues: 1 yr \$40; 2 yrs \$64 (new members); 2 yrs \$75; 5 yrs \$180 Check enclosed

Pmt Options:  Visa;  MC;  AE;  Discover; Cr. Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mail to: Address on Newsletter or; 125 N. West St.; Alexandria, VA 22314 Make check payable to: FRA

**JOIN THE AUXILIARY FRA; Membership Application (Dues \$20)**

Name in Full \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt/Lot City State Zip

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

I am the: spouse ; widow(er) ; parent ; grandparent ; sibling ; child ; grandchild  (all include "step")  
Of \_\_\_\_\_  
Service Member's Name Rate/Rank USN - USMC - USCG

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Member No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY**  
The above named Service Member is a member of  or, at time of death, was eligible to be a member of  Fleet Reserve Association Branch number \_\_\_\_\_ Verified by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Secretary

