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Meeting are held at the DAV Chapter 2 Home located at 14605 E. US 40 Hwy. Kansas City, MO located between Noland & Phelps Rds. Meetings start by 1930. Unit 161 will bring desserts. The DAV will cook up something with protein; chicken leg, pork chop, etc., or you can order from the menu.

BINGO for the residents of the Home Care Unit at Eisenhower VA Medical Center will be held the third or fourth THURSDAY of each month. The BINGO crew will meet at TENPENNY in Leavenworth for lunch around noon. Call S/M QUINTERO at 816-260-0435 for definitive information.



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ *IN MEMORIAM* ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



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



TONY BORJAS, SGT, USMC, RET
 WAYNE G. FORCADE, YNC, USN, RET
 FRANK E. FOSTER, ADJ2, USN, RET
 LARRY D. BERG, ACC, USN, RET



DECEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism-Essay:

Essays will be judged 27 December.

Americanism-Patriotism:

The next National Holidays will be Christmas and New Years day.

Finance & Audit:

The Mid-Year financial report is due 7 February 2018.

Legislative Service:

The next MAVO meeting will be 29-30 January, in conjunction with meeting with the General Assembly.

No report for Kansas.

Youth Activities:

Next inspection for Sea Cadets will be in February.

STACKS Youth Group is in need of volunteers.

Public Relations:

S/M SANDERS, distributed information on the FRA at the Liberty Hy-Vee.

Hospital & Welfare:

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

| | | | | | | | |
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| BRAMEN, Richard | 14 | BROWN, Steven | 12 | CONARD, Carl | 36 | DAVIS, Kenneth | 43 |
| DODD, Eugene | 04 | EKLUND, Robert | 14 | FREDERICK, Michael | 06 | GANN, Billy | 43 |
| GOODIN, Bernard | 23 | MARTINEZ, Frank | 42 | MEADOWS, Eddie | 32 | MILAN, Larry | 42 |
| NEISWENTER, George | 18 | PARR, Kevin | 13 | PRATT, James | 23 | RICHARDS, B. F. | 43 |
| SLACK, Melvin | 42 | SMITH, Josiah | 01 | TAYLOR, Ruben | 43 | TOMPKINS, Cecil | 17 |
| WAGNER, Robert | 40 | WILLIAMS, John | 18 | WILSON, Ray | 43 | | |

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

A motion was made to donate \$25, each, to the NCR Essay Fund in memory of Shipmates NASH and CROSS; *seconded; passed.*

Veterans Service:

S/Ms QUINTERO and Norm COMBS, with the help of Debbie Palmer, worked BINGO 30 November; next bingo will be 28 December at Leavenworth VA HCU.

S/Ms WHITE and FLIPPIN, along with Lady Barbara White, conducted BINGO 14 November at Cameron Veterans Home; next BINGO will be 12 December.

Communications:

The Secretary read correspondence; no action.

Treasurer's Report:

S/M GAGE gave Treasurer's report and on bills to be paid.

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

Unfinished Business:

Twenty four Shipmates and Auxiliary members made reservations for Branch 161's Christmas Luncheon. If things go well, the Branch will hold additional luncheons.

New Business:

None.

Good-of-the-Order:

Those who participated in the 2017 annual gift wrap did a good job.

Members 30 days past due:

BRECK, TERRY J.

Members 60 days past due:

MITCHELL, JAMES

Members 90 days past due:

BRANDT, SHAWN

CASEY, DAN

HARRALD, JAMES

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

New members:

VEHEC, Dr KEN

MT1, USN, RET

Membership now stands at 436.



UNIT NEWS

By *Ernestene Combs*

We had nine members attend the December meeting and hope to see many more in January. Though it's a busy time of year we hope that everyone takes time to enjoy the holiday season.

A big thank you to everyone who helped with shopping, the gift wrap, and attending the two Christmas parties for the homes; we have certainly been blessed with beautiful weather.

For those of you with December birthdays, a very *Happy Birthday* to

you all ... we 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 Days:

Edna D. Gage

Past Due 90 Days:

Ashli C. VanDerlinden

Dropped for non-payment:

None

Transfers-out:

None

If your dues have been paid please disregard.

New Members/Transfers-in:

None

To be renewed:

Jeremy D. Davenport

Matthew G. Davenport

Daniel A. Fri

The Bosn's Pipe

FRA Urges Congress Not to Pass Another CR ... FRA and other members of The Military Coalition have dispatched a letter to key Congressional lawmakers asking them to pass the FY2018 Defense

STATUS REPORT

Appropriations before the current Continuing Resolution funding expires 22 December 2017. Another CR only extends FY2017 spending levels and would stymie the Armed Forces ability to grow, equip and train the forces necessary to meet growing international threats. The letter reminds legislators that we are a nation on a war footing our uniform services are suffering from dangerous readiness and force-structure issues and the total force cannot remain effective, absent an adequate and timely budget.

The letter addresses problems caused by sequestration mandated by the Budget Control Act of 2011, which set strict caps on both defense and non-defense spending. In the past, Congress managed to make short-term compromises, lifting the caps for a couple of years at a time. No such agreement applies to FY2018.

Although the President signed the FY2018 Defense Authorization Act into law, in order to be fully implemented, Congress must pass appropriations legislation and must change or eliminate sequestration defense spending caps.

VA Suspends Applications for New VA ID Card ... The Department of Veterans Affairs has stopped accepting applications for the new VA identification card due to

technical problems created by the large volume of applications. This story was originally reported in the December 1 edition of *NewsBytes*. The ID card, authorized by Congress in 2015, is free of charge and is intended to provide proof of military service in lieu of a veteran having to carry their DD-214. FRA will monitor the VA and let Shipmates know when the technical problems are resolved.

Acknowledgement of this years fund raiser for Christmas follows:

| | |
|-------------|------|
| FLIPPIN, K. | \$ 8 |
| COX, G. | 10 |
| QUINTERO, A | 160 |
| (his 3rd) | |

\$2,054 raised this year. Many thanks Shipmates and Auxiliary members.

Following are winners of this year's drawing:

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| Joel SHICK | \$ 100 |
| Kris TURNBOW | 75 |
| Milford SHEPHERD | 50 |
| Larry BERG | 25 |

Attention Veterans who shop at Lowes: Go to the Customer Service Desk with your ID card or DD-214, give them your phone number and receive your 10% discount during checkout without holding the line up

awaiting managerial approval. Your spouse also receives the discount.

Life member payments are:

| LM Dues | Discount |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Active Duty - \$400; | \$300 |
| Under Age 40 - \$450; | 337.50 |
| Ages 41 – 50 - \$425; | 318.75 |
| Ages 51 – 60 - \$390; | 292.50 |
| Ages 61 – 70 - \$340 | 255 |
| Ages 71 – 80 - \$260; | 195 |
| Age 81 – 100 - \$200; | 150 |
| Over 100 – Free | |

Remember! The Branch still pays 25% of your life member dues.

Use the application on back page of this newsletter and mail above Discount amount to the return address.

COMING EVENTS

Wed. 3 Jan. 2018. Reg. Br. and Unit Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy.

Wed. 7 Feb. 2018. Reg. Br. and Unit Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy.

happy holidays

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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

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Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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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



Life Membership Application

"I wish to apply for Life Membership in the Fleet Reserve Association. I hereby certify that I am eligible. I fully understand the provisions of the Life Membership Program."



Name: _____ Rate/Rank: _____ Current FRA Membership No.: _____

Address: _____
Street Lot/Space City State Zip Code

Phone: () _____ Date of Birth: _____ Social Security No.: _____ FRA Branch No.: _____
Optional

Service: USN USMC USCG Status: Active Reserve Retired Veteran Spouse's Name: _____

Your E-mail Address: _____

Recruited By: _____ Member No.: _____ Branch No.: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

FRA dues are not tax deductible as charitable contribution for Federal income tax purposes, however, they may be tax deductible under other provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

Lifetime Membership Payment Plan

1 Year
 2 Years

Eff. Date: _____
Month Year

Payment Options: MasterCard Visa Discover American Express Check or Money Order Enclosed

Amount: _____ Credit Card No.: _____
Exp. Date: _____ Signature: _____

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