



# FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

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Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month starting by 1930 at 13137 Wornall Road, Kansas City, Missouri (Martin City). Park in back of the building and use the rear entrance. The Branch will provide refreshments while Unit 161 members will prepare a scrumptious meal prior to the meeting.

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 definite information.



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



DENNIS B. SHIELDS, AD1, USN, RET  
 JAMES S. WHITFIELD, QM2, USN, RET  
 ERNEST SCHERMAN, GMC, USN, RET



### FEBRUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Americanism-Essay:

All essays submitted to Branch 161 have been judged; first place winners in each grade have been forwarded to the NCR Chairman.

##### Americanism-Patriotism:

The next National Holiday observance will be Presidents Day, 20 February.

##### Membership:

The January membership report was not available from National Headquarters. The December numbers had the Branch at 483 members with 470 in-good-standing.

##### Finance & Audit:

Due to the Branch auditor having a sextuple heart bypass operation, the mid-year report has been delayed.

##### Legislative Service:

Conversation at the MAVO meeting concerned: drug addiction especially opioid abuse and research into cannabis as a medication.

No report for Kansas.

##### Youth Activities:

No report.

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

ANDERSON, Harold	38	AYVERSONE, Elphird	13	BAKER, James	29	BARLOWS, Noel	10
BROWN, Wayne	34	CHISHKO, Louis	43	COX, Lawrence	25	DIPAOLA, Paul	43
DONNELLY, Wayne	39	ELLIOTT, Garrett	42	FOLEY, James	32	FOSTER, Frank	46
FOX, Arthur	31	GAGE, Donald	40	GORE, Robert	36	GRAVES, Thomas	45
HAMM, Clifford	37	HARLOW, Frank	39	HUDNELL, James	28	HUNTER, Charles	16
HUTCHINSON, Floyd	25	JACOBS, Arrol	39	KELLEY, Douglas	28	KLEFFNER, Donald	36
LAMPKIN, Clarence	39	LICKTEIG, Bernard	17	★MAYBERRY, Benny	58	MORRIS, Richard	18
NAPPIER, James	38	O'DANIEL, Jack	32	PARSON, John	03	PHELPS, Robert	20
PRIDEMORE, Larry	13	ROE, Marsden	37	SCHLEGEL, David	27	SRONCE, Lester	32
STILLWELL, Kyle	02	THOMASSON, James	34	WILSON, Glenn	18	YARROW, Stanley	36

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

#### Public Relations:

The veterans at Wexford Place are trying to organize.

#### Hospital & Welfare:

Report that S/M's Dennis SHIELDS, Ernest SCHERMAN and Jim WHITFIELD had 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 and Norm COMBS with Honorary Board member, Debbie Palmer, worked BINGO 26 January at the Leavenworth VA Nursing Home; next bingo will be 9 February.

#### Communications:

S/M Secretary read letters of appreciation from Leavenworth VA Hospital and the Young Marines.

#### Treasurers Report:

S/M GAGE said the Branch had \$2,278.09 in the checking account and on bills to be paid.

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

#### Unfinished Business:

Branch and Auxiliary members made a site visit to the Elms Hotel to iron out a few items for the 2017 NCR Convention.

#### New Business:

None

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

Branch and Unit members have been invited to "Tiny Homes for Veterans" at 89<sup>th</sup> and Troost in Kansas City on 15 February.

The 155<sup>th</sup> Street overpass on I-49/71 Highway will be closed a few weeks for replacement.

#### STATUS REPORT

##### Members 30 days past due:

BOWLES, HAROLD D.  
DODD, EUGENE G.  
NELSON, CHARLES L.  
YUDT, GERALD

##### Members 60 days past due:

KING, FRANCIS E.  
MORTH, HENRY L.  
SCHWENDT, JOHN  
VIGUE, ANTHONY  
WILSON, KENNETH J. SR

##### Members 90 days past due:

BROWNE, ROBERT E.  
DEMING, CHRISTOPHER R.  
HOLLOWAY, CHRIS  
POST, DAVID  
SHINE, JULIE

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

#### New members:

MARTIN, PETER J.  
PNC, USN, RET  
SWAIM, JOSHUA  
ET2, USN

Membership now stands at 481.



#### UNIT NEWS

By *Ernestene Combs*

We hope everyone planning to attend the Regional Mid-Year in Nashville, Indiana on March 27-29 have made reservations. We were glad to have 13 members and one guest – Carol Combs – at the February meeting.

Doris discussed preparing hospitality kits for homeless veterans who should be able to move into their "tiny houses" by the end of the year.

If you are volunteering, please let us know for documentation purposes. Also, please inform us of any ideas to help us improve the lives of the less fortunate.

Thank you for your continued support by simply being a member. We could not do half of our projects without you.

Ernestene Combs will be providing food for the March meeting. Look for pulled pork or meatloaf. You can

hope for both, but don't push it.

For those of you having birthdays in February, 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 Days:

Dolores J. Hopkins  
Alline D. Shaw  
Gloanne E. Sullivan

Past Due 60 Days:

Jason N. Barton  
Tony M. Barton  
Mildred C. Manning

Past Due 90 Days:

None

Dropped for non-payment:

None

Transfers-out:

None

If your dues have been paid please disregard.

New Members/Transfers-in:

Betty J. Beck  
Sharon Folkers

To be renewed:

None

 **The Bosn's Pipe**

**Anna Mae "Judy" Combs** the wife of WWII veteran Shipmate Don COMBS passed away 17 January 2017. They would have been married 70 years on Valentines Day.

**DoD Announces New Outreach on Veterans Discharges and Military Records**

The Department of Defense recently publicized a new effort to ensure veterans are aware of the opportunity to have their discharges and military records reviewed. DoD encourages all veterans who believe they have experienced an error or injustice, to request relief from their service's Board for Correction of Military/Naval Records or Discharge Review Board. In the past few years, DoD has issued guidance for concern about PTSD as well as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and its preceding policies. Additionally, supplemental guidance for separations involving victims of sexual assault is currently being considered.

DoD is reviewing and consolidating all of the related policies to reinforce its commitment to ensuring an equitable review of separations for all veterans. Whether the discharge or other correction is the result of PTSD,

sexual orientation, sexual assault, or some other consideration, DoD is committed to correcting injustices and treating all veterans with dignity and respect. Veterans who desire a correction to their service record or who believe their discharge was unjust or warrants an upgrade, are encouraged to apply for review. For discharge upgrades, the veteran should complete [DD Form 293](#) if the discharge was less than 15 years ago and send it to their service's DRB. For discharges older than 15 years, the veteran should complete [DD Form 149](#) and send it to their service's BCM/NR. For corrections of records other than discharges, veterans should complete [DD Form 149](#) and submit their request to their service's BCM/NR. For more information, please go to the [DoD website](#).

**COMING EVENTS**

Wed. 1 Mar. 2017. Reg. Br. and Unit meeting.

27-28-29 Mar. 2017. NCR Mid-Year Conference in Nashville, IN. Call 800-365-7327 / 812-988-2284 For reservations.

Wed. 5 Apr. 2017. Reg. Br. and Unit meeting. Nominations for 2017-18 Branch & Unit officers will open.

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**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

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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

