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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.

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



WILMER L. BROOKENS, EN1, USN, RET
 JIMMIE D. OYLER, LCDR, USN, RET

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JANUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism-Essay:

All essays submitted to Branch 161 have been judged; first place winners have been forwarded to the NCR Americanism/Patriotism Chairman.

Americanism-Patriotism:

The next National Holiday observance will be M.L. King Day, 15 January.

Membership:

The December membership report was not available from National Headquarters. The November numbers had the Branch at 488 members with 479 in-good-standing.

Finance & Audit:

The next financial report is due at the February 2017 meeting.

Legislative Service:

The next MAVO meeting will be in Room 400 Truman Office Building at 1330 on 30 January in Jefferson City.

No report for Kansas.

Youth Activities:

S/M's SCHILLY and LICKTEIG with Lady Diane joined other mentors and took 50 kids from SACKS Youth Group Christmas shopping at the Raymore WalMart on 10 December.

Public Relations:

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

ABEL, Ralph	27	ARMOUR, Elizabeth	21	BEVFODEN, Donald	22	BROGAN, Harry	32
BROWN, Glenn	16	BURCHI, Albert	39	BUSH, John	27	BUSH, Kenneth	43
COBB, John	20	COLE, James	20	DAVIES, Albert	19	DIZON, Antonio	44
FELT, Richard	39	FERGUSON, Andrew	36	FORCADE, Wayne	40	GAGE, Frederick II	30
GALLAGHER, Edward	37	GILLELAND, Don	47	HARTLEY, Dwight	19	HENNEQUIN, Harry	28
HOLZMEISTER, Abe	43	HUBERT, Gary	02	HUGHES, James	37	JOHNSON, Kirby	36
★KARL, Robert	55	KEIGHLEY, Raymond	49	LAFORTE, Wilfred	24	MCVAY, Walter	27
MCDONALD, Harry	02	MEINHARDT, Michael	21	NUGENT, William	13	PAGE, Frank	27
PAGE, Leslie	20	PENNINGTON, Donald	32	PIVA, Gerald	39	QUINTERO, Tony	27
REINHOLD, William	35	★RUSSELL, James	61	SANDERS, Curry	20	SCHWERMER, Doug	02
SCHWERMER, Tammy	02	SCOTT, Chester	16	SHIELDS, James	44	SISSON, James	14
SMITH, David F.	49	SMITH, Clifford	43	STOUT, Selden	44	THOMPSON, Allen	30
WALLACE, William	23	WETZSTEON, Earl	36	WILLIAMS, William	24	★WINFIELD, Noel	53
ZEIMET, Richard	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!

No report.

Hospital & Welfare:

S/M CHAMPAGNE was scheduled for heart bypass surgery on 6 January

NOTE: S/M Champagne's surgery was successful and consisted of a sextuple bypass. He will take a few weeks to fully recover.

VA Hospital:

S/Ms QUINTERO and Norm COMBS with Honorary Board member, Debbie Palmer, handed out Christmas cards; they were later joined by S/M LICKTEIG for BINGO 23 December at the Leavenworth VA Nursing Home.

Communications:

S/M Secretary read two letters of appreciation from Leavenworth VA Hospital.

Treasurers Report:

S/M GAGE said the Branch had \$2,379.04 in the checking account and on bills to be paid.

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

Unfinished Business:

Information on the 2017 North Central Region Mid-Year Conference and Regional Convention was promulgated.

New Business:

MOTION: to donate \$30 to Branch 130 toward expenses of hosting the 2017 NCR Mid-Year Conference in Nashville, Indiana; *seconded; passed.*

Good-of-the-Order:

Preliminary figures show the Branch spent \$10,154 on charitable endeavors during 2016.

STATUS REPORT

Members 30 days past due:

BUEHRLE, WILLIAM F.
GILMORE, WASHINGTON B.
HOLLOWAY, FRED
KING, FRANCIS E.
MORTH, HENRY L.
SCHWENDT, JOHN
VIGUE, ANTHONY
WILSON, KENNETH J. SR

Members 60 days past due:

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

Members 90 days past due:

PASZKIEWICZ, EDMUND
PHILLIPS, JOHN E.
SPALDING, MIKE

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:

DICKMAN, TIMOTHY O.
AETCS, USCG, RET
ELLISON, ROBERT
BT3, USN, VET

Membership now stands at 483.



UNIT NEWS

By Ernestene Combs

Our January meeting was informal since only six members attended due to the weather.

Doris brought the list of items for the hospitality kits she was working on for homeless veterans. These kits will be distributed to the veterans when they move into their "tiny houses."

We can't say often enough about your volunteer work and we really appreciate all you accomplish. Also your membership helps support the Unit and Branch, so thanks for keeping it up-to-date. Yes. We are

scattered, but try to keep in touch. Your letters, notes and cards are read at the meetings. We always enjoy hearing from you.

Dottie Sanders will be providing food for the February meeting.

For those of you having birthdays in January, 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.

Past Due 30 Days:

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

Past Due 60 Days:

None

Past Due 90 Days:

None

Dropped for non-payment:

Peggy A. Hardy
Deanne M. Stephens

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

Concurrent Receipt Legislation Introduced again

Senators Dean Heller (Nev.) and Jon Tester (Mont.), have introduced comprehensive concurrent receipt legislation, the "Retired Pay Restoration Act" (S. 66). This act would authorize the immediate payment of concurrent receipt of full military retired pay, and veterans' disability compensation for all disabled retirees.

Rep. Gus Bilirakis (Fla.) also introduced the "Retired Pay Restoration Act" (H.R. 303), which would expand the eligibility of retirees with less than a 50 percent disability rating, to receive service-connected disability from the VA and full retirement pay for retirees eligible for Concurrent Retirement and Disability Payments. Currently, only

CRDP for retirees with a rating of 50 percent or more are eligible for concurrent receipt. Rep. Sanford Bishop (Ga.), has also introduced comprehensive concurrent receipt reform (H.R. 333) that includes disabled retirees with CRDP with less than a 50 percent rate and CRDP (Chapter 61) to medically retired with less than 20 years of service. Rep. Sanford's House bill is similar to the Senate bill and would have the same impact.

The following have also responded to the Christmas fundraiser:

PIVA, G.	\$ 10
HUBERT, G.	10

Many thanks. We also enjoy your notes, especially when they correct our records. Total to date: \$2,109.

COMING EVENTS

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

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.



The wrapping crew wrapped up.

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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

