



# FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

## MO-KAN BRANCH & UNIT 161

### JULY 2017

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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 definite information.



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



WILLIAM S. KELLEY, SSGT, USMC, RET  
 LARRY ODOM HMCS, USN, RET  
 ALBERT L ROSS, SGTMAJ, USMC, RET



### JULY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Americanism-Essay:

The Branch has two remaining trophies and checks to deliver.

##### Americanism-Patriotism:

The next National Holiday will be

Labor Day, 4 September.

##### Membership:

Branch membership stands at 457 members with 446 in-good-standing.

##### Finance & Audit:

The Branch will be required to file Form 990EZ this year.

##### Legislative Service:

Next MAVO meeting has not been scheduled.

No report for Kansas.

##### Youth Activities:

Sea Cadets will attend boot camp and training this summer.

##### Public Relations:

The Liberty Sams Club conducts an annual military appreciation event either the first or second week of June.

##### Hospital & Welfare:

Report that S/M William S. KELLEY had joined the Staff of the Supreme

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

ALLIE, Naggie	37	ATCHISON, Lonnie	11	AUBUCHON, Ray	19	BENTER, George	19
BRADY, George Jr.	42	BROWN, Cyrill	15	BRUECKMANN, Mike	17	BRYANT, Maxie	21
CESSNA, Gregory	39	CHRISTIAN, David	21	CHRISTY, Mac	31	COVERT, James	43
EINFELDT, Samuel	28	ENGLISH, Jared	03	FALLERT, Robert	19	FORD, William	15
GROSMAN, John	22	HALLEY, Dennis	21	★HARRISON, Granville	51	HILDRETH, Marvin	47
HOLLOWOOD, John	48	HOWELL, Richard	50	HOYER, Kurt	19	JOHANSEN, Roy	18
KEENEY, Richard	06	KUEHNEN, Gerald	44	MATTHEWS, Carl	39	MINNER, William	10
PERCIVAL, Rose M.	28	POTEETE, William	39	RUPPERT, Nathan	28	TURNER, Howard	36
WHITE, Barry	21	WRIGHT, Willie	27				

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

Commander.

**MOTION:** To donate \$25 to the NCR Essay Fund in S/M KELLY's memory; *seconded; passed.*

**VA Hospital:**

S/Ms QUINTERO and Norm COMBS worked Summerfest on 14 June and BINGO 29 June at the Leavenworth VA Hospital; next BINGO will be either 17 or 24 August.

**Communications:**

None.

**Treasurer's Report:**

S/M GAGE said the checking account balance is \$3,412.76 and reported on bills to be paid.

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

**Unfinished Business:**

We are expecting The National President, Vice President, Executive Director and two candidates for NVP plus National Auxiliary officers to attend the NCR Convention at the Elms in Excelsior Springs

**New Business:**

Membership was reminded of the need for Branch appointments for the coming Association year.

**Good-of-the-Order:**

None.

Members 30 days past due:

FERNSTROM, WILLIAM Jr  
STENGEL, DANIEL  
WOLKEY, LARRY C.  
ZIMA, FRED A.

Members 60 days past due:

CARNEY, JOHN  
GRAHAM, DARYL L.  
GUY, DOUG  
KEENEY, RICHARD J.  
McARTOR, FRANK L.  
SANDERS, ROBERT B.  
SMITH, DONALD R.

Members 90 days past due:

ANTLE, GAYLE  
BECKER, CYNTHIA L.  
BUTTERFIELD, KEN  
EDWARDS, RICHARD  
GILSTRAP, MICHAEL  
MARTIN, SYLVESTER L.  
MILLOT, THOMAS S.  
PETERSON, GEORGE

**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:

SULLIVAN, STUART  
AE3, USN/MAJ, USAF, ACT

Membership now stands at 457.

**UNIT NEWS**

By *Ernestene Combs*

Check this newsletter for upcoming events. The Regional Convention and annual picnic plus the August Branch and Unit meeting will be at the regular time and place. We look forward to seeing you there. We were happy to see Linda at the July meeting and hope she can attend again soon. Barbara White and Teresa Stephenson will bring dessert to the next meeting.

For those of you having birthdays in August, 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:

Teresa Norton

Past Due 60 Days:

Linda J. Schonhorst  
Faye A. Shepherd  
Helen I. Teter

Past Due 90 Days:

Shirley A. Bierer



John B. Schonhorst, Jr.

Dropped for non-payment:

None

Transfers-out:

None

If your dues have been paid please disregard.

New Members/Transfers-in:

None

To be renewed:

Norma P. Agee

Brenda L. Bryant

Jennifer J. DeLaFuente

Elizabeth A. Durham

Lena V. Lammers

Ashli C. VanDerLinden

Margarat A. Watkins

## The Bosn's Pipe

### **The DFAS Inbound Mail Address**

changed effective 1 May. The DFAS addresses will be replaced by one in Indianapolis. The new addresses are:

DFAS U.S. Military Retired Pay  
8899 E. 56th Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46249-1200

DFAS U.S. Military Annuitant Pay  
8899 E. 56th Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46249-1300

The old P.O. Boxes in London, KY will remain open and all mail will be forwarded to the new address for one year. Sending mail to the old address will add to the normal processing time. Telephone and fax numbers have not changed.

### **House Approves NDAA**

The full House of Representatives is amending, debating and should approve its version of the FY2018 Defense Authorization bill H.R.2810). The House is considering 210 floor amendments. Most floor amendments so far, have been defeated including one that would have struck a provision prohibiting the Pentagon from implementing a new round of Base Relocation and Closures. The Senate Armed Services

Committee recently approved its version of the FY2018 Defense Authorization (S.1519) and the bill is expected to be considered by the full Senate in the near future. Once the Senate completes work on its bill a conference committee will be appointed to resolve the differences between the two bills and then voted on by both chambers of Congress. If approved by the House and Senate, the bill will then be sent to the President to be signed into law or vetoed.

### **VA Offers OTH Discharged**

#### **Veterans Mental Health Care**

The Department of Veterans Affairs recently announced that veterans with Other Than Honorable discharges can receive care for mental health

emergencies, which can include inpatient, residential or outpatient care. "Suicide prevention is my top clinical priority," said VA Secretary Dr. David Shulkin. "We want these former service members to know there is someplace they can turn if they are facing a mental health emergency-whether it means urgent care at a VA emergency department, a Vet Center or through the Veterans Crisis Line."

The VA has reported 20 veterans commit suicide every day, making veteran suicide a high priority for FRA. Any veteran in crisis should call the Veterans Crisis Line at 800-273-8255 (press 1), or text 838255.

### **Navy Secretary Nominee**

The Senate Armed Services Committee recently held a confirmation hearing for Richard Spencer to Secretary of the Navy. Spencer, a financier and former Marine Corps officer, was nominated for the post on 2 June after months of speculation. Former Navy Secretary and Senator John Warner (Va.) introduced him to the SASC. Ten former Secretaries of the Navy signed a letter of support for this nominee. He is the second pick for the job. President Trump's first choice,

financier Philip Bilden, withdrew due to difficulty untangling his finances. According to an ethics agreement and financial disclosure posted by the Office of Government Ethics, Spencer will effectively shut down his venture capital firm, Fall Creek Management. If confirmed, he will resign his positions with 17 separate companies and nonprofit groups as well as divest stock from 45 different corporations.

Total raised by Mo-Kan Branch 161 and friends toward utilities for Tiny Houses for Homeless Veterans:

*Anonymous* \$100

***WOWIE! \$5,100 raised. We still have the most generous Shipmates and Auxiliary members of any organization.***

A Retired Activities Office is located at NOSC/ANG Base, 10810 Lambert International Blvd., Bridgeton, MO 9AM - 1PM Tue; 1130 - 1 PM Fri. 314-524-9553

## **COMING EVENTS**

Sun. - Tues. 30-31 July, 1 Aug 2017.  
North Central Regional Convention  
Elms Hotel/Spa, Excelsior Springs.

Wed. 2 Aug. 2017. Reg. Br. and Unit  
Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy.

Sun. 27 Aug. 2017. Annual Br & Unit  
Picnic Shelter House #3 Armstrong  
Park, Grain Valley, MO – across  
From Sonic Drive In.

**All Branch & Unit members are invited to attend any or all events during the 2017 NCR Convention at the Elms Hotel in Excelsior Springs 31 July & 1 August.**

**Those attending the dinner on 1 Aug. send \$36 to the Convention Treasurer at 8009 Main St.**

**Kansas City, MO 64114**

**Make check payable to Branch 161. We need a head count by 28 July.**

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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

