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★ ATTENTION ★

The 5 April meeting could be the last one Mo-Kan Branch 161 holds at 13137 Wornall Road, Kansas City, Missouri (Martin City). The owners of the building may enter into a long term lease agreement. If the proposed lease pans out, our May meeting will move to DAV Chapter 1 home at 8787 Old Santa Fe Road in back of Loma Vista Shopping Center at 87th & Blue Ridge Blvd. Beginning in June the DAV and our meetings will move into a brand new facility on US 40 Highway located between Noland and Phelps Roads.



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ *IN MEMORIAM* ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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



GERALD E. BRAUN, 1STSGT, USMC, RET
 HENRY L. MORTH ATCS, USN, RET
 HOWARD A. SHOWALTER, GMG1, USN, RET



MARCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

S/M President QUINTERO initiated S/Ms Ron SCHUMAKER and Nina HUBBARD into the FRA and Mo-Kan Branch 161.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism-Essay:

S/M President assembled a panel on 13 February and judged 7th and 8th grades for the North Central Region.

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:

The February membership report was

not available from NHQ. The January numbers had the Branch at 483 members with 473 in-good-standing.

Finance & Audit:

Branch Mid-Year financial report was given; Branch 161 remains solvent.

Legislative Service:

Next MAVO meeting will be in 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 March:

ANTLE, Gayle	40	AULGUR, John	29	BECKER, Cynthia	14	BLACK, Gary	35
BOGERT, Richard	33	BUTTERFIELD, Ken	02	CABY, David	44	CARTER, Ken	26
COMBS, Don	02	CRANE, Don	31	★CUTT, Stephen	51	DECOURLEY, Charles	35
DOUD, Dale	32	EDWARDS, Richard	44	ELLIOTT, Steve	25	FARWIG, George	34
FERRINGTON, David	41	GANN, Dale	35	GARRIGUES, Ned	21	GEORGE, David	39
GEORGE, William	28	GILSTRAP, Michael	24	HALL, Robert	38	HARDEN, Louis	36
HENDRICKSON, James	40	★KISPert, Ernest	50	KORTUM, Joseph	38	LEHART, Walt	39
LILLIG, Bernie	01	MARTIN, Sylvester	10	MILLOT, Thomas Sr	01	NEBGEN, James	40
★O'BRIEN, David	65	O'BRIEN, George	26	PETERSON, George	02	PRICE, Robert	43
PULLIAM, Darrell	26	REYES, John	01	★RODGERS, William	57	ROSE, Elmer	31
SALSBERRY, Brandon	01	SANDERS, Gary	10	SCHERMAN, Ernest	18	SHELTON, Robert	19
SIEG, John	40	STUTTS, Wesley	40	TAYLON, Levon	02	TREON, Donald	38
WISE, Cletus	39						

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

STACKS Youth Group is updating their building to meet city codes.

Public Relations:

S/M C. SANDERS is trying to organize the veterans at Wexford Place and Cameron.

Hospital & Welfare:

S/M Glenn BROWN is having knee replacement surgery.

Report that S/Ms Gerald BRAUN and Henry MORTH 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 worked BINGO 9 February at the Leavenworth VA Nursing Home; next BINGO will be 23 March.

Communications:

S/M Secretary read correspondence; no action required.

Treasurers Report:

S/M GAGE said the Branch had \$2,622.24 in the checking account and on bills to be paid.

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

Unfinished Business:

None of consequence.

New Business:

Discussion ensued over the "Tiny Houses for Homeless Veterans" program. The Branch voted to challenge the membership to raise \$5,000 toward the utilities.

Good-of-the-Order:

New members, Ron SCHUMAKER and Nina HUBBARD, addressed the membership.

STATUS REPORT

Members 30 days past due:

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

Members 60 days past due:

BOWLES, HAROLD D.
DODD, EUGENE G.
GILMORE, WASHINGTON
NELSON, CHARLES L.
YUDD, GERALD

Members 90 days past due:

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

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:

HUBBARD, NINA
MM2, USN, RET

Membership now stands at 475.



UNIT NEWS

By *Ernestene Combs*

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Pat Brown, who passed away.

We had 13 members and one visitor, Janie, at the March meeting. We hope to see Janie continue to attend our monthly meetings.

Will open nominations for officers for the coming year at the April meeting. Please be sure to attend and get your nominations in.

We appreciate all the volunteer work being done by our members. Please be sure to send us all volunteer information so it can be included in our annual report.

Doris Fri will be bringing the food for

the April meeting.

For those of you having birthdays in March, 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:

None

Past Due 60 Days:

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

Past Due 90 Days:

Jason N. Barton
Tony M. Barton

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:

Marian E. Brockel
Rhea B. Davidson
Joann D. Pommerer
Linda J. Schonhorst
Faye A. Shepherd
Helen I. Teter

📣 The Bosn's Pipe

Veterans Village is a community of tiny houses for homeless veterans located at 89th & Troost, Kansas City, Missouri. A program designed to get homeless veterans off the streets and return to a modicum of structured lives. The goal is to assist those who have given to their country, but have given up on society; to recover their dignity by becoming self supporting and contributing members of society.

The first phase of Veterans Village will consist of 50 houses. Each house will have all the amenities of a studio apartment. Once these are filled, the plan is to start new ones in other locations and cities. The village will have a community/resource center

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.

where veterans can receive counseling, medical attention and job placement assistance.

Before veterans can move into their houses, utilities have to be hooked up. The biggie is sewers. FRA Branch 161 believes its generous members are willing to help and has pledged \$5,000 toward the \$400,000 cost of the sewers.

COMING EVENTS

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

Wed. 3 May 2017. Reg. Br. and Unit meeting.



Branch and Unit 161 members toured the "Tiny Houses" at Veterans Village, 89th & Troost, Kansas City.

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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

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

