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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, sometimes before. Unit 161 will bring the usual side dishes and desserts. The DAV will cook up something with protein; chicken leg, pork chop, etc.

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



AUGUST H. WEBER, EO1, USN, RET
 HAROLD D. BOWLES, ADJC, USN, RET
 PHILLIP J. CHIARELLI, TDCS, USN, RET
 DENZEL A. RYBOLT, AD1, USN, RET



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MAY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Branch conducted a Two Bell Ceremony to commemorate the 22 Shipmates who joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander this past year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism-Essay:

The Branch has four trophies and checks to deliver.

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:

Branch membership stands at 469 members with 458 in-good-standing.

Finance & Audit:

Annual Branch audit will occur prior to the June meeting.

Legislative Service:

Next MAVO meeting will be held in September.

Kansas: In January Kansas Governor Sam Brownback signed into law a bill

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

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| ALPERS, Harry | 38 | BATES, Prentis | 35 | BAZE, James | 28 | BELL, Chris | 03 |
| BELL, Ronald | 26 | BOOTH, David | 24 | BROWER, Wayne | 33 | CAIN, William | 18 |
| ★CHRISMAN, David | 58 | COX, Gordon | 21 | DICKERSON, Micah | 25 | DOEBELE, Wayne | 28 |
| FERNSTROM, William | 37 | GOLD, Richard | 03 | HODGES, Thurman | 24 | HOUK, Joseph | 39 |
| JUSTIS, William | 47 | KINGSLEY, Karl | 39 | KLINGER, Dave | 03 | LICKTEIG, Jerry | 21 |
| LOHMANN, Leonard | 21 | LYLES, Harry | 39 | MARKT, James | 13 | MATTHEWS, Richard | 24 |
| MCCARTY, Daniel | 35 | MCDANIELS, Paul | 24 | MENKHUS, Thomas | 21 | MERRILL, Kenneth | 46 |
| ★MURRAY, Lester | 53 | PARTIN, John II | 39 | RAINS, Robert | 24 | RATHERT, Ronald | 39 |
| SHAW, Bart | 42 | SHEETS, Larry | 25 | SHEPHERD, Milford | 49 | SHIELDS, Robert | 28 |
| STENGEL, Daniel | 11 | STEWART, Jeryl | 21 | THOMAS, Jerry | 35 | TUTTLE, Kenneth | 27 |
| UNNERSTALL, Conrad | 39 | VERMETTE, Roger | 24 | WALLACE, David | 03 | WIETER, James | 34 |
| WILSON, Kenneth R. | 41 | WOLKEY, Larry | 21 | ZIMA, Fred | 18 | | |

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

ensuring military members sufficient time to cast ballots in special elections. House Bill 2017 also extends the time-frame for holding special elections to fill vacant congressional seats.

Youth Activities:

Sea Cadets are setting up for their annual banquet and training.

Public Relations:

Setting up for 15 June meeting with Veterans at Wexford Place.

Hospital & Welfare:

Reports received that S/Ms Harold BOWLES, Phil CHIARELLI, August WEBER and Denzel RYBOLT have 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 the help of Ron Combs, worked BINGO 27 April at the Leavenworth VA Nursing Home; next BINGO will be 25 May.

Communications:

S/M Secretary read correspondence concerning Tiny Houses and other items; no action required.

Treasurer's Report:

S/M GAGE was unable to attend the meeting.

Unfinished Business:

The following Branch Officers for 2017-18 were elected:

President Ray SCHILLY
1st VP Ray SHICK
2nd VP Kevin FLIPPIN
Secretary Ed DELAFUENTE
BoD: Curry SANDERS, Gary COMBS, Ron NARRON, Jerry LICKTEIG, Bart SHAW, Barry WHITE, Norm COMBS.

New Business:

MOTION: To name S/M SCHILLY chief delegate to the 2017 NCR Convention; *seconded; passed.*

MOTION: To send delegates to the 2017 NCR Convention uninstructed; *seconded; passed.*

MOTION: To authorize the chief delegate to the 2017 NCR Convention the authority to add names to delegate list; *seconded; passed.*

MOTION: To name S/Ms Rosemary POSEKANY of Branch 298 and Marcia CUNNINGHAM of Branch 14 as proxies to the 2017 NCR Convention; *seconded; passed.*

Good-of-the-Order:

S/M Jeryl STEWART addressed the

membership.

STATUS REPORT

Members 30 days past due:

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

Members 60 days past due:

BUDISELICH, GUY S.
HARLOW, FRANK L.
STILWELL, KYLE

Members 90 days past due:

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

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:

JAMISON, KEVIN
CWO4, USMC, RET
MEYER, BRYAN
CPL, USMC, ACT

WEBB, ROBB M.
AFCM, USN, RET

Membership now stands at 469.



UNIT NEWS

By *Ernestene Combs*

Elections of officers for the new year were held during the May meeting; installation of officers will be held in June. New officers are as follows:

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| President | NES Doris Fri |
| Vice President | Diane Schilly |
| Treasurer | Pat Wentworth |
| Secretary | Ernestene Combs |

The National and NCR Presidents are reminding everyone to promote the Auxiliary membership whenever possible. The increase in membership goes a long way in helping support our Shipmates.

Just a reminder that our meeting place has changes. The new location is listed at the top of this newsletter.

For those of you having birthdays in May, 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:

Shirley A. Bierer
Donna C. Lickteig
John B. Schonhorst, Jr.

Past Due 60 Days:

Beverly J. Dempsey

Dropped for non-payment:

None

Transfers-out:

None

If your dues have been paid please disregard.

New Members/Transfers-in:

None

To be renewed:

Betty J. Beck
Linda L. Burnham
Sara E. Foust
Carolyn L. Frauenfelder
Diane E. Schilly
Elizabeth J. Schonhorst
Marguerite R. Schuld
Samantha R. Shaw

The Bosn's Pipe

The DFAS Inbound Mail Address

will change 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 PO 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 are not changing.

U.S. Supreme Court Rules in Favor of Divorced Military Retiree

The United States Supreme Court recently ruled (8-0) in *Howell v. Howell* holding: A state court may not order a military retiree to indemnify a divorced spouse for the loss in the divorced spouse's portion of the retirement pay caused by the retiree's waiver of retirement pay to receive service-related disability benefits. FRA has expressed concern in Congressional testimony that some state courts have been awarding a

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

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Make check payable to FRA Br 161

percentage of veterans' compensation to ex-spouses; a violation of U.S. law.

Tiny houses for homeless veterans

(aka **Veterans Village**) located at 89th & Troost, Kansas City, Missouri was featured in Branch 161's March newsletter; the Branch challenged the membership to raise \$5,000 toward utilities. At that time Veterans Community Project needed \$400,000 to hook up 50 houses. So far the Branch has received the following donations:

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| Westergaard, J. | \$ 50 |
| <i>Anonymous</i> | 25 |
| <i>Anonymous</i> | 50 |
| Schuld, M. | 100 |
| <i>Anonymous</i> | 50 |
| Rentko, J. | 200 |

\$4,295 to date. **Only \$705 to go.**

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

Mon. 29 May 2017. Two Bell Ceremony at Swan Lake Veterans Cemetery.

Wed. 7 June 2017. Reg. Br. and Unit meeting. Installation of 2017-18 Branch & Unit officers.

Wed. 5 July 2017. Reg. Br. and Unit meeting.

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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

