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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. 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 definitive 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



ROBERT FALLERT, AOC, USN, RET
 JACKSON H. O'DANIEL, NCC, USN, RET
 ROBERT L. PRICE, UTCS, USN, RET
 STANLEY M. YARROW, CTMCS, USN, RET
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APRIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism-Essay:

The Branch 12th grade entrant took 3rd place in Regional judging.

Trophies and checks should be ready

for distribution at the May Branch meeting.

Americanism-Patriotism:

The next National Holiday will be Memorial Day observance, 28 May.

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

BENTZ, David	28	BEUSSINK, Ted	07	BOLEY, Carl	36	BRANHAM, Wallace	32
★BUNCH, David	55	CALIMLIM, Bernabe	04	CASTEEL, Rodney	22	COMBS, Michael	10
DRAINER, John	36	EIFERT, Alfred	27	FELLOWS, Hurley	42	FLIPPIN, Kevin	27
HALL, Burl	24	HAWKS, Larry	22	HEFFEL, Edward	39	JAMISON, Kevin	01
KATZENBERGER, Al	22	KELSEY, Edward	18	KRUMP, Michael	17	KUHN, Thomas	24
LACY, Ronald	22	MAXWELL, James	17	MABERRY, Jesse	32	MCARTOR, Frank	42
MCELROY, Drew	04	MEYER, Bryan	01	PIPPIN, Jack	39	PRINCE, Wallace	22
RECTOR, Carol	49	SAMPSEL, John	28	SINGER, Jerry	03	SKEENS, Donald	21
TAYLOR, James	29	TEGMEYER, Darrell	37	THOMPSON, Ronald	22	TRUSTY, Carl	32
★VARGO, Walter	51	WEBB, Rob	01				

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

Will check with Swan Lake about the Memorial Day Two Bell Ceremony.

Membership:

The Branch had 411 members with 405 in-good-standing as of 3-31-18.

Finance & Audit:

The annual Branch audit will be done between the May and June meetings.

Legislative Service:

No reports for Missouri or Kansas.

Youth Activities:

The membership discussed working a booth or two during the Renaissance Festival this fall to raise funds for Branch and Unit programs.

Public Relations:

Viet Nam Veterans Day ceremonies were conducted 29 March.

Hospital & Welfare:

Report that Shipmates Robert FALLERT, Jack O'DANIEL, Robert PRICE, Stanley YARROW, Davey CROCKETT, and Selden STOUT along with Regional President North Central, Rosemary POSEKANY, had joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander. Motion made to donate \$25 to the NCR Essay Fund in memory of all Shipmates; *seconded; passed.*

Report that S/M Bart SHAW is hospitalized in Arizona.

Veterans Service:

S/Ms QUINTERO and Norm COMBS, along with Debbie Palmer, worked BINGO 22 March; next BINGO will be 26 April at Leavenworth VA HCU.

S/Ms WHITE and BROWN conducted BINGO 13 March at the Cameron Veterans Home; next BINGO will be 10 April.

Communications:

None requiring action.

Treasurer's Report:

The Acting Treasurer gave a report and identified bills to be paid; checking account balance was \$3,230.33.

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

Unfinished Business:

Info on the Tiny House sponsorship fund raiser was distributed to all attendees at the Quarterly membership luncheon on 24 March. Next luncheon will be in June.

New Business:

Nominations for 2018-19 Branch officers opened with the following:

President Ray SCHILLY
1st VP Ray SHICK
2nd VP Kevin FLIPPIN
Treasurer D. GAGE

BoD: LICKTEIG, C. SANDERS,
NARRON, WHITE

All Branch officers plus the Jr. Past President, QUINTERO, are automatic members of the Board of Directors.

Good-of-the-Order:

None.

STATUS REPORT

Members 30 days past due:

DIZON, ANTONIO P.
GAGE, FREDERICK E. II
THOMPSON, ALLEN L.

Members 60 days past due:

CONRAD, CARL C.
SMITH, JOSIAH
WELCH, WILLIE T.

Members 90 days past due:

KENNEY, BEN C.

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:

DAVIS, JAMES M. III
TMC, USN, RET

Transfer out:

None

Membership now stands at 411.



UNIT NEWS

By *Ernestene Combs*

We are looking forward to seeing you at the May meeting when elections will be held; nominees are as follow:

President Diane Schilly
VP *no nominations*
Treasurer Pat Wentworth
Secretary Ernestene Combs

We had a successful and enjoyable Mid-Year in Branson; it was great to see everyone, including National President LAFRA and her husband, Bobby, as well as PNP Sandra Robbins and her husband, Robbie. Also, LAFRA member Lisa Hayes and her husband were able to attend their very first Mid-Year.

During the Mid-Year workshop, the topics were membership and how to keep the smaller Units involved.

Happy Birthday to those of you with April birthdays ... we hope your day was enjoyable.

Unit member Robyn Flippin had a kidney transplant with her daughter being the donor; both are doing well. To all others having an illness, get well soon. And to 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:

Linda D. Gilleland
Alfreda C. Rhoades

Dropped for non-payment:

Carolyn S. Collins
Mildred C. Manning
Anna M. Shoemate
Annette A. Tomasich

Transfers-out:

None

If your dues have been paid please disregard.

New Members/Transfers-in:

None

To be renewed:

RPNC Teresa A. Norton

 **The Bosn's Pipe**

Acting VA Secretary Urges Congress to Pass VA Choice Reform . . . Acting Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie requested that Congress pass the bipartisan "Caring for Our Veterans Act." This Act is designed to reform the VA's health care system by providing easier access for veterans to meet with private-sector doctors. This act will expand the VA's caregivers assistance program. The bill includes \$3 billion in additional funding for the current VA Choice Program and was strongly supported by former VA Secretary David Shulkin. Robert Wilkie's letter to House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committee Chairmen as well as Ranking Members, states: "America's veterans are looking to Congress and VA to come together now to provide them the best possible solutions for their care."

Expanded Chiropractic Care for Veterans Passes . . . The recently passed omnibus spending bill for FY2018 includes a provision to expand access to chiropractic's non-drug approach for pain relief to veterans. There are many veterans suffering from back pain and other musculoskeletal conditions as a result of their time in service.

The provision is similar to FRA supported legislation sponsored by Senator Jerry Moran (Kan.), which mandates that the Department of Veterans Affairs expand the availability of chiropractic services at no fewer than two medical centers or clinics in each Veterans Integrated Service Network by no later than 31 December 2019, and at no fewer than 50 percent of all medical centers in each VISN by no later than 31

Life member payments are:

<u>LM Dues</u>	<u>Discount</u>
Active Duty - \$400;	\$300
Under Age 40 - \$450;	337.50
Ages 41 - 50 - \$425;	318.75
Ages 51 - 60 - \$390;	292.50
Ages 61 - 70 - \$340	255
Ages 71 - 80 - \$260;	195
Age 81 - 100 - \$200;	150
Over 100	Free

Remember! The Branch still pays 25% of your life member dues.

Use the application on back and mail above Discount amount to the return address.

December 2021. For the first time, the measure codifies and broadens chiropractic services in the VA to include services provided by chiropractic doctors under the Preventive Health Services and Medical categories.



COMING EVENTS

Wed. 2 May 2018. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy. Election of 2018-19 Br. & Unit Officers.

Wed. 6 June 2018. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy. Installation of 2018-19 Br. & Unit Officers.

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 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

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Address: _____
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Phone: () _____ Date of Birth: _____ Social Security No.: _____
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Service: USN USMC USCG Status: Active Reserve Retired Veteran Spouse's Name: _____

Your E-mail Address: _____

Recruited By: _____ Member No.: _____ Branch No.: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

FRA dues are not tax deductible as charitable contribution for Federal income tax purposes, however, they may be tax deductible under other provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

Lifetime Membership Payment Plan

1 Year
 2 Years

Eff. Date: _____
Month Year

Payment Options: MasterCard Visa Discover American Express Check or Money Order Enclosed

Amount: _____ Credit Card No.: _____
 Exp. Date: _____ Signature: _____

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