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NEXT MEETING OF BRANCH & UNIT 161 WILL BE HELD DURING THE ANNUAL PICNIC AT SHELTER #3 IN ARMSTRONG PARK, GRAIN VALLEY, MO, (ACROSS FROM SONIC;TURN EAST ON ROLLO DR.) SUNDAY, 26 AUGUST 2018. SETTING UP STARTS BY 1000; EATING STARTS BY NOON; REFRESHING STARTS SOMETIME BETWEEN. SHIPMATE LICKTEIG WILL SMOKE SOME BRISKET. REFRESHMENTS & BEANS ARE PROVIDED. BRANCH & UNIT MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING THEIR AWARD WINNING SIDE DISHES. THE AUXILIARY WILL CONDUCT BINGO, SO BRING SOMETHING YOU WANT TO GET RID OF.



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



WARREN E. CROSS, AMCS, USN, RET
 JOHN E. WILLIAMS, ABHC, USN, RET
 CLIFFORD H. SMITH, PO1, USN, RET



AUGUST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism Essay:

The 2018-19 Americanism Essay theme is: "What Freedom of Speech Means to Me." Sure has

been a lot on this subject going around lately.

Americanism-Patriotism:

Next holiday will be Labor Day, 3 September.

Membership:

The Branch had 392 members with 384 in good standing as of the 31 July EDP from National.

Legislative Service:

The next MAVO meeting will be in September.

Youth Activities:

Sea Cadets are drilling this summer.

Hospital & Welfare:

Report that Shipmates Warren CROSS, John WILLIAMS, Ray WILSON, Ray EKLUND, and Elmon BOND joined the staff of

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BALDRIDGE, Norma	16	BAUER, Richard	32	BOWMAN, Alfred	44	BYERS, Robert	43
★COMBS, Dave	55	COMBS, Gary	31	CONWELL, Francis	44	DOWNER, Donald	49
DWIGANS, Joseph	33	ELLIS, Robert	41	FISH, Raymond	45	GRAHAM, Basil	20
GRISSOM, Bobby	44	HARVEY, Robert	41	JONES, Melvin	39	KEKABAH, Curtis	01
KIRBY, James	41	LASSEN, Otto	29	MILLER, Lawrence	14	MILNER, Joseph	39
MOORE, Charles	34	NEVEN, Christopher	03	READMAN, Edward	35	SONDAG, Lawrence	22
THOMPSON, Ken	36	WILSON, Bobby	49				

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BOLON, Harry	38	BOONE, Harold	61	CHADWICK, Emery	18	COMBS, Norm	44
COULTER, Harold	43	DAHL, Jon	04	DAVENPORT, Dave	04	DELAFUENTE, Ed	16
DICAPO, Anita	28	EDWARDS, Cecil	29	FIELDS, Eric	12	FLACHS, Lowell	29
GOODSON, William	49	KIES, Robert	36	MURAWSKI, John	14	NARRON, Ron	04
PASZKIEWICZ, Edmund	15	PATTERSON, Kevin	33	POWERS, George	24	SCHAEFER, Ralph	29
SCOTT, Toney	35	SHICK, Joel	01	STEELE, Murl	40	TESSMER, George	24
WILLIAMS, Les	02						

Your continued membership is what helps the FRA keep "gitin' 'er done."

the Supreme Commander.

MOTION: To donate \$25 to the NCR Essay Fund in each of their memory; *seconded; passed.*

Veterans Service:

S/M's QUINTERO, N. COMBS and Debbie Palmer held BINGO on 26 July. Next BINGO is scheduled for 14 August.

Communications:

Secretary read communications; no action required.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer made his report and identified the bills to be paid.

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

Old Business:

Quarterly membership luncheons for the upcoming fiscal year are as follows:

- Sunday 26 August (at the picnic)
- Friday 23 November.
- Saturday 16 or 23 February

Saturday 18 May

New Business:

The 2019 NCR Mid-Year will be held at Inn at Grand Glaize, Lake-of-the-Ozarks 24-25-26 March. Room rates are \$65 per night.

MOTION: To run a full page ad in the 2018 National Convention Journal at \$150; *seconded; passed.*

Good-of-the-Order:

None.

STATUS REPORT

Members 30 days past due:

- COX, GORDON
- TUTTLE, KENNETH
- WALLACE, DAVID JR

Members 60 days past due:

- COPE, EUGENE
- DOSTER, CHARLES
- FORREST, WARREN
- SMITH, GORDON
- TURNEL, ESTIL

Members 90 days past due:

- CASTEEL, RODNEY

MAXWELL, JAMES
McELROY, DREW

Shipmate Richard BAUER paid his life member dues to the Secretary.

REMINDER: Dues renewals sometime come with extraneous information from NHQ and are easily overlooked; also, reports from National run a month late.

Membership now stands at 450.



UNIT NEWS

By *Ernestene Combs*

Time is near for the annual Branch and Unit picnic. Hope you plan to attend; information is in this newsletter. Bring a white elephant for bingo prizes.

PLEASE NOTE: There will not be a September meeting.

We welcome new member, Alta Sharp.

Again. Thank all of you for the volunteer work. Please send what you do in that area to someone in the Unit so we can include it in our annual reports.

The Unit had eight members in attendance at the August meeting and pleased to see the Shaw family back.

For those having lost loved ones our prayers and sympathies are with you. To those having been ill — *Get Well* soon.

Past Due 30 Days:

None

Past Due 60 Days:

None

Past Due 90 Days:

Violet M. Taylor

Dropped for non-payment:

Danica R. Goff

Frances C. Rodina

Kamey A. Shaw

Transfers-out:

None

If your dues have been paid please disregard.

New Members/Transfers-in:

Alta L. Sharp

To be renewed:

Gerald C. Combs

Ronald N. Combs

Ryan L. Combs

Violet L. Lafferty

Cynthia K. Murley

Wanda A. Strohkirch

Charlene M. Wetzsteon

The Bosn's Pipe

Branch & Unit Picnic

The 2018 Branch and Unit Picnic will take place at Shelter #3, Armstrong Park in Grain Valley. The Auxiliary conducts BINGO so bring an item you want to get rid of.

For those wanting a little exercise, there are two walking venues, a skate park, playgrounds; day pass at the swimming pool is \$5.

We mostly spend the day sitting around eating burgers and brats, having a beer and embellishing old sea stories.

Christmas Ticket Drawing

Enclosed should be five tickets for this year's Christmas fund raiser. Your participation helps the Branch purchase Thanksgiving turkeys and Christmas presents for homeless/homebound veterans and institutionalized kids in eight homes in our geographical area. You can help the Branch and Unit by either selling or purchasing the tickets; every little bit helps. To participate in the Christmas fund, simply write a name and address on the ticket stub and send them along with \$2 per ticket to:

1008 SW Foxtail Dr.

Grain Valley, MO 64029

You may also obtain tickets at the picnic. The drawing will be held during the December Branch and Unit meeting. More tickets are available upon request.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE OR DO NOT CARE TO PARTICIPATE, SIMPLY RECYCLE THE TICKETS.

Thanks to the help of our generous members, the Branch was able to spend just over \$10,000 to help those in need during 2017. This year we are trying to raise \$10,000 to sponsor a Tiny House for Homeless Veterans.



Bowling: The Branch sponsors a bowling league that bowls on

alternate Sundays at Summit Lanes located at 803 SW Oldham Pkwy. Lees Summit, MO. This is strictly a recreational league. Proceeds go to the Branch charity

fund Anyone wishing to enjoy themselves on every-other Sunday, simply form a team of four bowlers and contact S/M LICKTEIG at 816-699-7286.

COMING EVENTS

Sun. 26 Aug. 2018. Annual Branch and Unit Picnic.

Tue - Sun. 18-23 Sept. 2018. FRA National Convention San Antonio, Texas.

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

The Branch has . . . USN RET and USN VET ball caps along with the one pictured below.

Stars for E8 & E9 are available

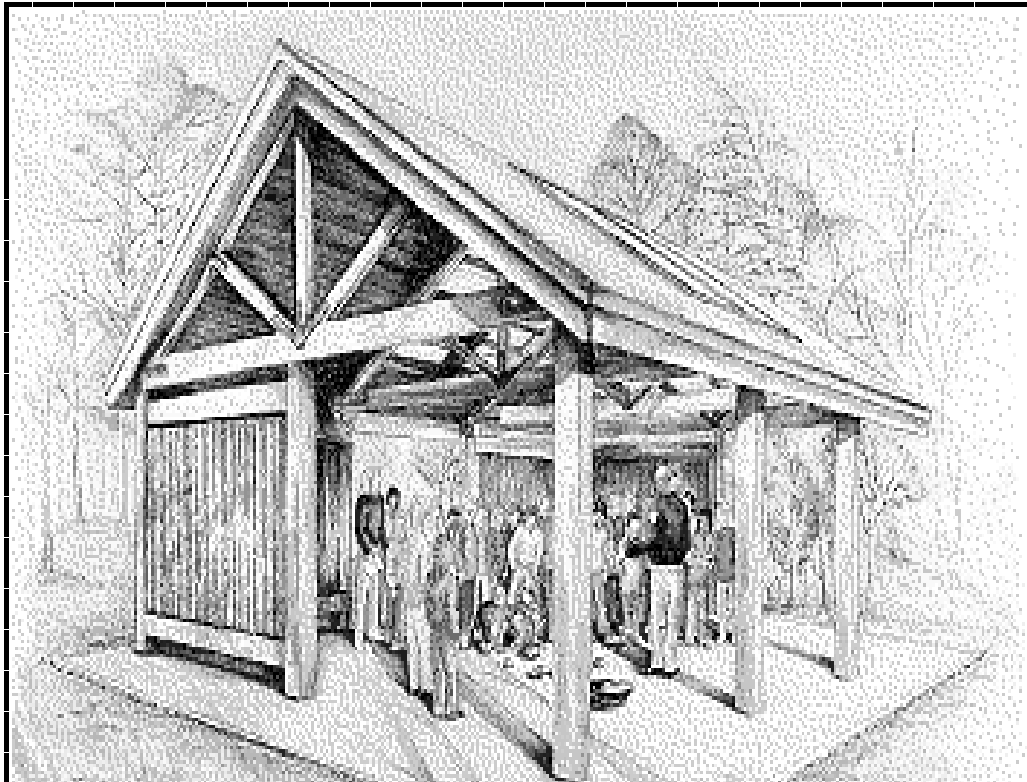


S/M LICKTEIG will bring smoked brisket for the picnic.

***** NOTICE *****

The current retiree dental program expires 31 December 2018. Those currently enrolled in the TRICARE Delta Dental Program have the opportunity to change to a similar program through OPM's BENEFEDS called Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program or FEDVIP. Participants can enroll during the open period from 12 November to 10 December. You will have up to four dental plans to choose from plus vision. More information will be in the October Newsletter.

ANNUAL BRANCH & UNIT



Sunday, 26 August • Armstrong Park, Grain Valley

