



# FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

## MO-KAN BRANCH & UNIT 161

### DECEMBER 2018

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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 kitchen staff offers daily specials 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



HAROLD W. DAVIS, BT1, USN, RET – Independence, MO  
 DALE K. DOUD, MM2, USN, RET – Versailles, MO

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### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Americanism-Essay:

The Branch received seven essays; judging will take place 27 December at the DAV.

##### Americanism-Patriotism:

The next National Holiday observances will be Christmas and

New Years Days, 25 December and 1 January 2019.

##### Membership:

The Branch had 375 members with 369 in-good-standing as of 30 November.

##### Finance & Audit:

Mid-year report is due February 2019.

##### Youth Activities:

No report.

##### Public Relations:

S/M C. SANDERS distributed FRA

information at the Liberty and Excelsior Springs Price Choppers.

##### Hospital & Welfare:

Report received that S/M Harold DAVIS joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander.

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

Report received that S/M President SCILLY's mother passed away.

##### Veterans Service:

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

BERG, Larry	38	BLAKE, Johnnie	01	BRAMEN, Richard	15	BROWN, Steven	13
FREDERICK, Michael	07	GANN, Billy	44	GOODIN, Bernard	24	MARTINEZ, Frank	43
MEADOWS, Eddie	33	MEYER, Jewell	01	MILAN, Larry	43	NEISWENTER, George	19
PARR, Kevin	14	PRATT, James	24	SLACK, Melvin	43	WAGNER, Robert	41

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

S/Ms LICKTEIG, CHAMPAGNE and Norm COMBS, along with Auxiliary member Ron Combs, worked BINGO 15 November at Leavenworth VA HCU; next BINGO will be 20 December.

S/M Pres. SCHILLY presented a \$5,000 check from the Branch to the Veterans Community Project to sponsor a Tiny House bringing the total this year to \$5,300.

**Communications:**

S/M Secretary read several letters that were received with Christmas tickets for this year's fund raiser.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer gave a report and identified bills to be paid; checking account balance was \$3,785.51.

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

**Unfinished Business:**

Christmas parties for TNC and PFS are scheduled for 15 December.

**New Business:**

**MOTION:** To hold the next quarterly luncheon at the DAV on 16 February 2019; *seconded; passed.*

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

Christmas ticket drawings took place.

**STATUS REPORT**

Members 30 days past due:

DONNINI, JOHN E.  
JOHNSON, ARTHUR W.

Members 60 days past due:

FLACHS, LOWELL  
POWERS, GEORGE T.

Members 90 days past due:

NEVIN, CHRISTOPHER

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

New members:

THOMAS, ROGER D.  
SKCS, USN, RET

Transfer out:

None

Membership now stands at 375.



**UNIT NEWS**

By *Ernestene Combs*

Another year is coming to an end and it seems that it just flew by.

We are pleased to welcome members of 324 to our Unit — Betty Beck, PRPNC Virginia Bowers, Nancy Calhoun, Martha Dittoe, Marlene Juhasz, Marilyn Peters, Denise Prusacik, Donna Prusacik, Becky Rubal, and Mary Wingate.

The Unit Christmas project is to donate money to help a person who has Kabuki Syndrome and also to donate food to the community food pantry..

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the families of Helen Dodd and Laura Harrison who recently passed away.

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

To those suffering 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:

Edna D. Gage  
Barbara A. Skates

Past Due 60 Days:

Charlene M. Wetzsteon

Dropped for non-payment:

Mary M. Goodman  
Laura J. Harrison  
Barbara J. Hodson

Transfers-out:

None

If your dues have been paid please disregard.

New Members/Transfers-in:

(Unit 324)

To be renewed:

Jeremy D. Davenport  
Matthew G. Davenport  
Daniel A. Fri  
Mary (Cindy) L. Wingate

**The Bosn's Pipe**

**One Senator Stops Agent Orange Reform Legislation**

An effort by the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Sen. Johnny Isakson (GA) to bring the "Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans

Act" (H.R.299) to the Senate floor for a vote for final passage failed when one Senator, Michael Enzi (WY), objected citing the Department of Veterans Affairs opposition. The bill, sponsored by Rep. David Valadao (CA) passed the House unanimously – 382-0 – on 25 June 2018. National Executive Director Thomas Snee testified before the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee at a public hearing on the bill on 1 August 2018. The legislation would clarify that service members serving off the coast of the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam conflict have a presumption for filing disability claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs for ailments associated with exposure to the herbicide Agent Orange.

**Fewer Veterans Overall in Congress, but There Are More Female Veterans**

There are now fewer veterans in Congress, which may be significant because the loss of institutional military life style knowledge and the hardships veterans can experience, unlike other careers. At the beginning of the 116th Congress, only 18 percent of its members will have

military experience. There has been a steady decline from the high point in 1971, when 71 percent of Congress had served in the military. Due to the advent of the all volunteer force, we now have a lower percentage of the population serving in our services. The breakdown of veterans in the new Congress will be as follows: Thirty Democrats and 65 Republicans with 19 of them coming from the freshman class. Eighteen will serve in the Senate while 77 will be in the House. Fortyseven served in the military after 2000 while 21 were in the military during the 1960s. Four served in the 1950s. Six are women, which is the largest number of female veterans in Congress to date.

The following list shows the Veterans in Congress by service:

- 50 are Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard;
- 17 were in the Marine Corps or Marine Corps Reserve;
- 16 served in the Air Force, Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard;
- 13 comes from the Navy or Naval Reserve; and
- 1 served in the Coast Guard.

In total 95 veterans will be in the 116th Congress. Two Congressmen

served two different branches. How these new members will influence Congress has yet to be determined, but it is highly likely that some will sit on important committees and subcommittees that will directly impact FRA members. Congressman Mark Takano (CA) will be the House Veterans Affairs Chairman and Congressman Adam Smith (WA) will be the House Armed Services Chairman. Neither will be new to their committees, however, neither served in the military.

We can only hope the members of the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress have the same attitude toward veterans as the overall population when they say: "THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE."

The Branch acknowledges the following for participating in this years Christmas fundraiser:

DAVIES, A.	\$ 10
QUINTERO, A.	280
CHAMPAGNE, A.	10
KINGSLEY, K.	10
COMBS, N.	20

Total to date: **\$2,016.**

Winners will appear in the January Bulletin.

**COMING EVENTS**

- Wed. 5 Jan. 2019. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy.
- Wed. Feb. 2019. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy.
- Sat. 16 Feb. 2019. Quarterly luncheon at DAV 1100.



Shipmate Quintero gave Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes a "Kansas City Chief" ball cap for performing a humanitarian act

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President Ray SCHILLY  
1st VP Ray SHICK  
2nd VP Kevin FLIPPIN

 **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