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### JANUARY 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. Unit 161 will bring desserts. 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.



### IN MEMORIAM



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



BILLY L. GOODMAN, USMC, RET  
 JOHN H. AULGUR, ACC, USN, RET



### JANUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



**CORRECTION:** Due to a misinterpretation, the December newsletter implied that S/M Larry BERG had joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander; S/M BERG is very much alive. We apologize.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Americanism-Essay:

Essays were judged 27 December; first place winners in each grade have been forwarded to the Regional Essay Chairman.

**MOTION:** To increase 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place essay awards to \$50, \$40 and \$30 respectively; *seconded; passed.*

#### Americanism-Patriotism:

The next National Holidays will be M.L. King Day, 15 January.

#### Finance & Audit:

The Mid-Year financial report is due 7 February 2018.

#### Legislative Service:

The next MAVO meeting will be 29 January, in conjunction with a visit with General Assembly members.

No report for Kansas.

#### Youth Activities:

STACKS Youth Group folded due to lack of volunteers.

#### Public Relations:

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

ABEL, Ralph	28	ARMOUR, Elizabeth	22	BEVFODEN, Donald	23	BROGAN, Harry	33
BROWN, Glenn	17	BURCHI, Albert	40	BUSH, John	28	BUSH, Kenneth	44
COBB, John	21	COLE, James	21	DAVIES, Albert	20	DIZON, Antonio	45
FELT, Richard	40	FERGUSON, Andrew	37	GAGE, Frederick II	31	GALLAGHER, Edward	38
GILLELAND, Don	48	HARTLEY, Dwight	20	HENNEQUIN, Harry	29	HOLZMEISTER, Abe	44
HUBERT, Gary	03	HUGHES, James	38	JOHNSON, Kirby	37	★KARL, Robert	56
★KEIGHLEY, Raymond	50	LAFORTE, Wilfred	25	MARTIN, Peter	01	MCVAY, Walter	28
MEINHARDT, Michael	22	NUGENT, William	14	PAGE, Frank	28	PAGE, Leslie	21
PENNINGTON, Donald	33	QUINTERO, Tony	28	REINHOLD, William	36	★RUSSELL, James	62
SANDERS, Curry	21	SCOTT, Chester	17	SHIELDS, James	45	SISSON, James	15
★SMITH, David F.	50	SMITH, Clifford	44	STOUT, Selden	45	SWAIM, Joshua	01
THOMPSON, Allen	31	WALLACE, William	24	WILLIAMS, William	25	★WINFIELD, Noel	54

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

Members delivered “stocking stuffers” to the St. Joe Red Cross.

#### Hospital & Welfare:

A motion was made to donate \$25, each, to the NCR Essay Fund in memory of Shipmates BORJAS, FORCADE, and FROSTER; *seconded*; *passed*.

#### Veterans Service:

S/Ms LICKTEIG and Norm COMBS, with the help of Debbie Palmer, Diane Banks and Ron Lickteig, worked BINGO and delivered Christmas cards containing \$10 each to all Veterans in the HCU 28 December; next BINGO will be 28 December at Leavenworth VA HCU.

S/Ms WHITE and FLIPPIN, along with Lady Barbara White, conducted BINGO 12 November at Cameron Veterans Home; next BINGO will be 9 January.

#### Communications:

The Secretary read and discussed Regional President’s newsletter; no action taken.

#### Treasurer’s Report:

S/M GAGE gave Treasurer’s report and on bills to be paid. Checking account balance was \$3,847.24

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

*passed*.

#### Unfinished Business:

Twenty Shipmates, Auxiliary members and guests attended Branch 161’s Christmas Membership Luncheon. Next luncheon will be 1100 on 24 March at the DAV; remit \$5 to make your reservation.

Dates of the NCR Mid-Year are: 8 to 11 April at Stone Castle Hotel in Branson, MO. Call 417-355-4700 for reservations.

Tuesday’s buffet dinner is \$30.

#### New Business:

None.

#### Good-of-the-Order:

None.

#### STATUS REPORT

Members 30 days past due:  
BRECK, TERRY J.

Members 60 days past due:  
MITCHELL, JAMES

Members 90 days past due:  
BRANDT, SHAWN  
CASEY, DAN  
HARRALD, JAMES

**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:

VEHEC, Dr KEN  
MT1, USN, RET

Membership now stands at 436.



#### UNIT NEWS

By *Ernestene Combs*

We hope your holidays were most enjoyable and that you are staying warm; it’s been nice to see this short warm-up.

Thank you to all members who sent Christmas cards to the Unit members; we always enjoy hearing from you.

The National President’s project for 2018 is to support the Alzheimer’s Association. We’ll be seeing more on this in the coming months.

It won’t be long until we have the Mid-Year in Branson and we hope that many of you will be able to attend. Additional information will be in this newsletter.

*Happy Birthday* to those of you with January birthdays ... we 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. Special sympathies go out to the Hatfield family in the passing of PNP Faye Hatfield.

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:

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

Past Due 60/90 Days:

None

Dropped for non-payment:

Ashli C. VanDerlinden

Transfers-out:

None

If your dues have been paid please disregard.

New Members/Transfers-in:

None

To be renewed:

Beverly J. Dempsey  
Linda D. Gilleland  
Edna M. Lampkin  
Alfredda C. Rhoades  
Lorna M. Schneider  
Denise N. Welch  
Maxine E. Wright

 **The Bosn's Pipe**

**If A Government Shutdown Occurs**

Due to disagreements in Congress, here's who is mostly affected:

- Military retiree's compensation and benefits will NOT be impacted;
- Active duty/Reserve pay could be delayed, but would eventually be paid when the government re-opens;
- Veterans' compensation, medical care, and the Post 911 GI Bill benefits will continue to be paid;

- Some military civilian employees could be temporarily laid off. The Pentagon is allowed to pay "essential" civilian employees;
- Commissaries will have reduced hours with some employee lay offs;
- Social Security, Medicare and unemployment benefits would be paid, but new applications for those payments could be delayed;
- Most Government contractors as well as subcontractors could go unpaid or laid off; and
- The U.S. Postal Service will remain operational.

**During a Senate Veterans Affairs Committee**

testimony, VA Secretary Shulkin provided a progress report on implementing 2017 legislation for VA reform. Shulkin's report focused on five areas of reform that include:

- Improving the VA Choice program;
- Modernizing VA claims and appeals processes;
- Focusing on better use of VA resources;
- Ensuring timeliness of delivering care to veterans; and
- Reducing veteran suicide.

**President Trump signed an Executive Order**

titled, "Supporting Our Veterans During Their Transition From Uniformed Service to Civilian Life." This order directs the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security to develop a plan that ensures all newly discharged veterans receive mental health care for at least one year, following their separation from service.

The three agencies are supposed to work together to develop a Joint Action Plan that ensures new veterans who currently do not qualify for enrollment in healthcare will receive treatment and access to services for mental health care for one year, following their separation from

\*\*\*\*\* **NOTE** \*\*\*\*\*

The Branch & Unit will hold it's March Quarterly Membership Luncheon at 1100 on Saturday 24 March. Cost is \$5 per member of the Branch or Unit, and guest, which must be paid upon making your reservation.

Bring an eligible member and receive your lunch complimentary.

Choices are: (indicate choice(s) & no.)

1. Something edible \_\_\_\_\_
2. Something else edible \_\_\_\_\_

Clip & mail to either the secretary or newsletter editor for your reservation.

service.

We only hope this Executive Order helps to expand quality healthcare and alleviate suicides and homelessness among veterans.

**COMING EVENTS**

Wed. 7 Feb. 2018. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy.

Wed. 7 Mar. 2018. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy.

Sat. 24 Mar. 2018. Quarterly membership luncheon at DAV; 1100.

Life member payments are:

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

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

Use the application on back page of this newsletter and mail above Discount amount to the return address.

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### FRA Membership Application

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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

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\$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



### Life Membership Application

"I wish to apply for Life Membership in the Fleet Reserve Association. I hereby certify that I am eligible. I fully understand the provisions of the Life Membership Program."



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Current FRA Membership No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Lot/Space City State Zip Code

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_ FRA Branch No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Optional

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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